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**FROM THE 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY TO THE 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 1872.**

**BOTH DAYS INCLUSIVE.**

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**IN THE THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR OF THE REIGN OF OUR SOVEREIGN  
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**BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIRST PARLIAMENT  
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

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## PROCLAMATIONS.

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JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to whom these presents shall come, or whom the same may in anywise concern—GREETING :

**W**HEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of British Columbia, and to have their advice in Parliament; We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a Parliament, and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council of British Columbia, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a Parliament in Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date the SECOND day of OCTOBER proximo, and to be returnable on the TWENTIETH NOVEMBER next, except however the Writs for the Electoral District of Cariboo and the Electoral District of Kootenay, which Writs will be returnable on the TWENTY-SIXTH DECEMBER next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Thirteenth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

CHARLES GOOD,  
Colonial Secretary.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To all to whom these presents shall come—GREETING :

## A PROCLAMATION.

J. F. McCREIGHT, } **KNOW YE** that we being desirous and resolved, as soon as  
*Attorney-General.* } may be, to meet Our people of Our Province of British  
 Columbia, and to have their advice in Legislature or Parliament, do hereby, by  
 and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province, summon and  
 call together the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, to meet at Our City  
 of Victoria, in Our said Province, on **THURSDAY**, the **FOURTH** day of **JANUARY**,  
 next.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made  
 Patent, and the Public Seal of Our said Province of British  
 Columbia to be hereunto attached. WITNESS, the Honorable  
 JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our said  
 Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our  
 said Province, this Fourteenth day of November, in the year  
 of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and  
 in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD WOODS,  
 Registrar, Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland,*  
*QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our  
 Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the  
 Legislature or Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on  
 the Fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, to  
 have been commenced and held, and every of you—GREETING :

## A PROCLAMATION.

J. F. McCREIGHT, } **WHEREAS** the Meeting of the Legislature or Parliament of  
*Attorney-General.* } the Province of British Columbia stands called for the  
 Fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, at which  
 time, at Our City of Victoria, you were held and constrained to appear; Now  
**KNOW YE**, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration  
 the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and  
 with the advice of Our Executive Council of the Province of British Columbia, to  
 relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby con-  
 voking and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that, on **THURSDAY**,  
 the **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of the month of **JANUARY**, one thousand eight hundred and  
 seventy-two, you meet Us in Our Legislature or Parliament of the said Province,  
 at Our City of Victoria, and therein do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made  
 Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of British  
 Columbia to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, Our Right Trusty  
 and Well-Beloved JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-  
 Governor of Our said Province of British Columbia, in Our

City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Thirtieth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD WOODS,  
Registrar, Supreme Court.

[L. S.]

JOSEPH. W. TRUTCH.

CANADA.

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

VICTORIA, *by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland*  
QUEEN, *Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.*

To Our faithful the Members elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our Province of British Columbia, and summoned and called to a meeting of the Legislature of Our said Province, at Our City of Victoria, on the Twenty-fifth day of the month of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

J. F. McCREIGHT, } WHEREAS the Meeting of the Legislature of the Province  
*Attorney-General.* } of British Columbia stands Prorogued to the Twenty-fifth day of January, instant, nevertheless for certain causes and considerations, We have thought it fit further to prorogue the same to THURSDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of the month of February next, so that neither you, nor any of you, on the said Twenty-fifth day of January next, at Our City of Victoria, are to be held and constrained to appear, for We do will that you, and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on THURSDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of the month of FEBRUARY next, at Our City of Victoria aforesaid, personally be and appear for the DISPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act, and conclude upon those things which in Our Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, by the Common Council of Our said Province may, by the favor of God, be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS, the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, at Our Government House, in Our City of Victoria, in Our said Province, this Tenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

RICHARD WOODS,  
Registrar, Supreme Court.

RETURN of the Names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, pursuant to the Writs issued by His Excellency Joseph William Trutch, Lieutenant-Governor of the said Province, bearing date the 2nd day of October, 1871.

Electoral Districts.	Returning Officer.	Date of Returns.	Receipt of Returns.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Victoria City.....	A. F. Pemberton, Esq....	16th October, 1871	27th October, 1871..	{ John Foster McCreight, Esq. Simeon Duck, Esq. Robert Beaven, Esq. James Trimble, Esq.	
Victoria District.....	A. C. Elliott, Esq. ....	24th October, 1871	25th October, 1871..	{ Amor DeCosmos, Esq. Arthur Bunster, Esq.	
Esquimalt.....	Chas. E. Pooley, Esq. ...	28th October, 1871	31st October, 1871 ..	{ Alexander Rock Robertson, Esq. Henry Cogan, Esq.	
Do. ....	Do.....	27th Nov., 1871	28th Nov., 1871.....	Alexander Rock Robertson, Esq.	Acclamation.
Cowichan .....	John Morley, Esq.....	1st November, 1871	6th November, 1871	{ William Smithe, Esq. John Paton Booth, Esq.	
Nanaimo.....	W. R. Spalding, Esq.....	18th October, 1871	25th October, 1871..	John Robson, Esq,	
Comox .....	W. R. Spalding, Esq.....	26th October, 1871	30th October, 1871..	John Ash, Esq.	
New Westminster City....	F. G. Claudet, Esq. ....	23rd October, 1871	13th Nov., 1871.....	Henry Holbrook, Esq.....	Acclamation.
Do. ....	Do.....	28th Nov., 1871	30th Nov., 1871.....	Henry Holbrook, Esq.....	Acclamation.
New Westminster District	F. G. Claudet, Esq. ....	23rd October, 1871	13th Nov., 1871.....	{ Josiah Charles Hughes, Esq. William James Armstrong, Esq. Robert Smith, Esq.	
Yale.....	A. T. Bushby, Esq. ....	17th Nov., 1871	23rd Nov., 1871.....	{ James Robinson, Esq. Charles Augustus Semlin, Esq.	
Lillooet .....	E. H. Sanders, Esq.....	13th Nov., 1871	30th Nov., 1871.....	{ Andrew T. Jamieson, Esq. Thomas Basil Humphreys, Esq.	
Cariboo .....	Henry M. Ball, Esq.....	25th December, 1871	22nd January, 1872	{ George Anthony Walkem, Esq. Joseph Hunter, Esq. Cornelius Booth, Esq.	
Kootenay .....	J. C. Haynes, Esq. ....	26th Dec., 1871.....	23rd February, 1872	{ John Andrew Mara, Esq. Charles Todd, Esq.	
Cariboo .....	H. M. Ball, Esq. ....	12th February, 1872	23rd February, 1872	George Anthony Walkem, Esq...	Acclamation.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE,  
23rd February, 1872.

RICHARD WOODS,  
Registrar, Supreme Court.

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Thursday, 15th February, 1872.

On this day being the First Session of the first Parliament for the Dispatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation, hereunto annexed, of His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, His Excellency entered the House of Assembly, attended by his Private Secretary, and took the Chair at the hour of three o'clock p.m.

*Richard Woods*, Esq., Registrar of the Supreme Court, came into the House and delivered to *Charles Good*, Esq., Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty, a Roll containing a list of the Members who had been returned to serve in this Assembly, which Roll was read aloud by the Clerk.

Whereupon the Honorable *Matthew Baillie Begbie*, Chief Justice of the Province, a Commissioner appointed for the purpose by the Lieutenant-Governor, administered the Oath, prescribed by Law, to the Members present, who severally subscribed the same and took their seats.

The Honorable *John F. McCreight*, Attorney-General of the Province, then said:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor does not see fit to declare the cause of his summoning the present Parliament of the Province of British Columbia until a Speaker of the House shall have been chosen according to law, but that to-morrow, at the hour of three in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

His Excellency then retired.

Mr. *Duck*, a Member representing the City of Victoria, addressing himself to the Clerk (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down) proposed to the

House for their Speaker, *James Trimble*, Esquire, which motion was seconded by Mr. *Robson*, Member representing the Electoral District of Nanaimo.

And the question being called for, "That *James Trimble*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker," it was accordingly put by the Clerk, and

*Resolved, nemine contradicente*, That *James Trimble*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

And the Clerk having declared *James Trimble*, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by Messieurs *Duck* and *Robson*, where, standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgments to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer on him by choosing him to be their Speaker.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*,

That this House do now adjourn until to-morrow at 3 o'clock, p.m.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Friday, 16th February, 1872.

The House being met, and the Speaker elect having taken the Chair,

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the Council Chamber and took the Chair which was vacated by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker having been taken up and introduced to His Excellency, spoke to the following effect:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

The House of Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Assembly, whose servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially, that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all seasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable interpretation.

Then the Honorable *John Foster McCreight* said:—

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Assembly to Her Majesty's person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper, and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow their constitutional privileges.

I am commanded also to assure you that that the Assembly shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech:—

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:*

It is with a very high sense of the honor conferred on me in having been deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open this the first purely

Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, that in Her name I tender cordial greeting to you, the chosen representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

I congratulate you upon our having happily become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada—that grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

In this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country—our adopted home—are securely established.

As a British Colony—isolated on this Continent—our prospects were clouded, and the idea of a Railway through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream. As a Province of the Dominion, our anticipations are bright and confident, and the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

The state of transition in public affairs incidental to the change in our Political system which existed on my assuming the Government of the Province, compelled me to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon me; I however availed myself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from myself by appointing a Ministry responsible to you, the Representatives of the people, whom I have called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to you, at this the earliest date at which it was practicable for you to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

A full statement of all moneys received and expended subsequent to the Union of this Province with the Dominion, together with Estimates of the probable Revenue for the current year, and of the Expenditure proposed to be incurred during that period, the latter of which is based upon the strictest economy compatible with the efficient administration of our affairs and due attention to the requirements of the country, will be laid before you at an early period of the Session.

Free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at your disposal, I am confident that through your judgment and prudence the financial resources of the Province will be so appropriated in works of useful and reproductive character as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

A measure will be introduced at once to repeal "The Civil List Act," with a view of placing in your hands the power of determining the amount of Salary to be attached to each office in the Public Service that may be maintained.

The establishment of a system of non-sectarian Free Schools throughout the Province, and a sound and liberal policy for the encouragement of Immigration, will occupy your earnest attention. It is to be observed with regret, with reference to the latter subject, that the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, tends to delay the introduction of a system of Free Grants of Land, the adoption of which seems so advisable in entering into competition for population, as we must do with other Countries on this Continent.

A Bill will be laid before you for the abolition of the Road Tolls, which I strongly commend to your favourable consideration. The main trunk avenue which commercially connects the lower section of the Province with the Mineral wealth of Cariboo, is of a Provincial character and beneficial to our entire community. The Tolls at present levied upon this road bear most heavily upon the necessities of life, and they practically forbid the introduction of machinery to the mines. The Mining Laws also require certain amendments, which will be submitted for your consideration.

The necessity of revising the provisions of "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act," must, from your past experience, have impressed itself upon your attention, and I therefore place in your hands a measure for the amendment of that Act.

I think it not inadvisable, gentlemen, to advert to the fact that this

Province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, has sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Council Chamber, a marked departure from the constitutions of the parent State and many of its Dependencies, and that while the power of legislation thus conferred on you is undivided, your responsibility is proportionately increased. Henceforth the principle of self-government is to prevail. It has been conceded to you in deference to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with the policy of the Dominion of which we happily form part. On you alone does the successful working out of that system depend.

My sympathies, in common with those of all interested in our country, are deeply enlisted in your success, and I trust that, under the direction of an All-Wise Providence, your labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

His Excellency then retired.

Mr. Speaker reported that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Excellency's Speech.

*Ordered* to be taken as read.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That, until otherwise provided, the Rules, Regulations, and Standing Orders now in the hands of Members of the Legislative Assembly, be those of this House, and that the House do go into Committee on Tuesday next to prepare Rules and Orders for the guidance of the House.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That, in conformity with the usual practice of Parliament, the Statutes Interpretation Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time this day week.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's Speech be considered on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Mr. *Robson* presented Petitions from *Charles Todd* and *John Andrew Mara*.

Petitions read.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hunter* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Petitions of *John A. Mara* and *Charles Todd*.

House went into Committee. On the Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

Mr. *Bunster* presented Petition of Voters at Nanaimo.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Mr. *Bunster* presented Petition from *Joseph W. Carey*.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Then the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,

That the House do now adjourn until to-morrow, at 3 o'clock p. m.

And the House accordingly adjourned.



Saturday, 17th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The House went into Committee on the Petitions of Messieurs *Mara* and *Todd*.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Mr. *Beaven* moved, That in the opinion of this House, the evidence submitted by *John Andrew Mara*, in support of his Petition, proves that he was duly elected a Member of the Legislature of British Columbia for the District of Kootenay, and this House recommends that he be allowed to take his seat in this House.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, in amendment,—

That a Bill be brought in to enable Members duly elected, and proved to have been so in the absence of an Electoral Return, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly.

The Amendment having been put and lost,

The Original Question was carried.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, That in the opinion of this House, the evidence and affidavits in the case of *Charles Todd* is conclusive evidence that he is legally entitled to a seat in this House, and that this House advise that he be permitted to take his seat as one of the Representatives of the Kootenay District.

Mr. *DeCosmos* moved, in amendment,—

That a Bill be brought in forthwith to enable Members duly elected, and proved to have been duly elected, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly, in case the Returns shall not have been received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at the time of their application to be sworn.

Amendment put and lost.

Original question put and carried.

Committee rose.

Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following Resolutions for the consideration of the House:—

1st. That, in the opinion of this House, the evidence submitted by *John A. Mara*, in support of his Petition, proves that he was duly elected a Member of the Legislature of British Columbia for the District of Kootenay, and this House recommends that he be allowed to take his seat in this House.

2nd. That, in the opinion of this House, the evidence and affidavits in the case of *Charles Todd*, is conclusive evidence that he is entitled to a seat in this House, and that this House advise that he be permitted to take his seat as one of the Representatives of Kootenay District.

Resolutions read first time.

On the question of their second reading being put,

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment, Mr. *DeCosmos* seconding,—

That a Bill be brought in forthwith to enable Members, duly elected, to be sworn and take their seats in the Legislative Assembly, in case the Returns shall not have been received by the Registrar of the Supreme Court at the time of their application to be sworn.

On the question being put "That the words proposed to be left out do stand part of the question," a division took place. Yeas 13, Nays 8.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs.

*Robertson,*  
*McCreight,*  
*Holbrook,*

*Semlin,*  
*Robson,*  
*Duck,*

*Armstrong,*  
*Smith,*  
*Robinson,*

*Bevan,*  
*Hughes,*  
*Hunter.*—13.

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NAYS:

Messieurs.

*De Cosmos,*  
*Ash,*

*Humphreys,*  
*Bunster,*

*Cogan,*  
*Booth, (Cariboo),*

*Booth, (Cowichan),*  
*Jamieson.—8.*

Mr. *Smith* not having voted was counted in the affirmative.

The Original Question was then put and carried, after a similar division.

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

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Monday, 19th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Smith* presented the Petition of *J. C. Barnes*.  
Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General the following question:—

What is the date of the resignation of the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works by the Honorable Member for New Westminster? What is the date of the acceptance of his office by the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and on what day did the Writ issue for the Election to fill the vacancy caused by the acceptance of office by the senior Member for the Cariboo District?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, moved (for Mr. *De Cosmos*), Mr. *Jamieson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, respecting a modification of the Tariff, be laid before this House.

On the Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech,

Mr. *Duck* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hughes*,—

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to thank His Excellency for the gracious Speech at the opening of this Session. That we heartily congratulate His Excellency on being deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open the first purely Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, and accept the cordial greetings tendered by His Excellency to us, the chosen Representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

2. That we concur with His Excellency, in its being a subject of congratulation that we have become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, the grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose Constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

3. That we agree with His Excellency that, in this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country, our adopted home, are fully established.

4. That we coincide with the opinion expressed by His Excellency that, as a British Colony, isolated on this Continent, our prospects were clouded; and that the idea of a Railway, through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream, but that now as a Province of the

Dominion our anticipations are bright and confident, that the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

5. That we are aware that the state of transition in public affairs, incidental to the change in our political system, which existed on His Excellency's assuming the Government of the Province, compelled him to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon him, but that His Excellency availed himself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from himself, by appointing a Ministry responsible to us, the Representatives of the people, whom His Excellency has called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to us, at the earliest date at which it was practicable for us to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

6. That we thank His Excellency for informing us that there will be laid before us, at an early period of the Session, a full statement of all moneys received and expended subsequent to the Union of this Province with the Dominion, together with Estimates of the probable Revenue of the current year, and of the Expenditure proposed to be incurred during that period, which Estimates will receive our serious consideration, and we feel confident that the proposed expenditure is based upon the strictest economy compatible with the efficient administration of our affairs and due attention to the requirements of the country.

7. That we gather with much satisfaction, the confident opinion expressed by His Excellency that, free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at our disposal we shall, through our judgment and prudence, so appropriate the financial resources of the Province, in works of a useful and reproductive character, as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

8. That we learn with pleasure that a measure will be introduced at once to repeal the Civil List Act, with a view of placing in our hands the power of determining the amount of salary to be attached to each office in the Public Service that may be maintained.

9. That we desire to assure His Excellency that the establishment of a system of non-sectarian Free Schools throughout the Province, and a sound and liberal policy for the encouragement of Immigration, shall occupy our earnest attention; and we agree with His Excellency in regretting, with reference to the latter subject, that the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada tends to delay the introduction of a system of Free Grants of Land, the adoption of which seems so advisable in entering into competition for population, as we must do, with other Countries on this Continent.

10. That we will bestow careful consideration on the Bill, which His Excellency states will be laid before us, for the abolition of the Road Tolls, and which he has strongly commended to our favourable consideration. We are impressed with the force of His Excellency's observation that the Main-Trunk Avenue which commercially connects the lower section of the Province with the mineral wealth of Cariboo, is of a Provincial character and beneficial to our entire community, and that the Tolls at present levied upon this road bear most heavily upon the necessities of life, and that they practically forbid the introduction of machinery to the mines. The amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Mining Laws will be deliberately considered.

11. That we shall consider with respectful attention a measure for revising the provisions of the Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, as we cannot fail to assent to His Excellency's opinion that the necessity of revising that Act has, from past experience, been impressed upon our attention.

12. That we shall not lose sight of the fact to which His Excellency adverts, that this Province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, has sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Council Chamber, a marked departure from the constitution of the parent State, and many of its Dependencies; and we are fully sensible of the responsibility which devolves upon us when called upon to exercise the power of legislation thus conferred upon us in a proportionately increased de-

gree. We know that henceforth the principle of self-government is to prevail, and that it has been conceded to us in deference to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with the policy of the Dominion of which we happily form part, and that upon us alone does the successful working out of that system depend.

13. That in conclusion we thank His Excellency for the expression of his sympathies in our success, and we fervently join with His Excellency in expressing a hope that under the direction of an All-Wise Providence our labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

*Ordered*, That the Reply be considered as a whole.

Mr. Duck moved, Mr. Hughes seconding,—

That a Committee be appointed to draft an Address to be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in accordance with Resolutions adopted by this House, in reference to the Lieutenant-Governor's Address. The Committee to consist of Messieurs Booth (*Cariboo*), Hughes, Duck, Robson, Booth (*Cowichan*), and Semlin.

Mr. Armstrong moved, in amendment, Mr. Robertson seconding,—

That the Order for the Reply to be considered as a whole be rescinded.

Amendment put and carried.

Order rescinded accordingly.

Mr. Duck moved, Mr. Hughes seconding,

That the Reply be considered paragraph by paragraph.

*Ordered* accordingly.

Paragraphs 1 to 13 read severally and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. McCreight moved, the Honorable Mr. Robertson seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

Mr. Duck moved, Mr. Armstrong seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed, consisting of the following Members:—The Honorable Mr. McCreight, the Honorable Mr. Holbrook, Messieurs Hughes, Booth (*Cariboo*), Robson, and Duck, to draft an Address, in reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's Message, in accordance with the Resolutions adopted by this House.

The Clerk read a Commission from the Lieutenant-Governor, appointing him to swear in Members, as followeth:—

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JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come or whom the same may concern—  
GREETING:

J. F. McCREIGHT, } WHEREAS in and by a certain Act of Parliament of the  
Attorney-General. } Colony of British Columbia, entitled "The Constitution  
Act, 1871," it is among other things enacted that no Member of the Assembly  
shall vote or sit therein until he shall have taken and subscribed the oath of  
allegiance contained in the 17th Section of the said Act:

Now Know Ye, that confiding in the integrity, fidelity, and circumspection of Charles Good, Esquire, Clerk of Our Legislative Assembly, of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion, We have assigned, constituted, and appointed, and by these presents do assign, constitute, and appoint him, the said Charles Good, Esquire, to be a Commissioner to administer the oath of allegiance as aforesaid, to such Members of the said Assembly who may desire to be admitted to take the same, and to receive their subscription to the same.

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In testimony whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Public Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto attached. Witness, the Honorable Joseph William Trutch, Our Lieutenant-Governor in and over the said Province, at Victoria, this Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and in the thirty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Command.

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
Colonial Secretary.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Tuesday, 20th February, 1872.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

*John Andrew Mara*, Esquire, a Member for the Electoral District of Kootenay, having been introduced by the Honorable the Attorney-General, to him was administered the oath of allegiance, by *Charles Good*, Esq., Clerk of the House, a Commissioner appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor for the purpose, and the said Member having subscribed to the oath, took his seat.

Mr. *Booth*, (*Cariboo*), Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Reply to His Excellency's gracious Speech at the opening Session, brought up a Report.

Report read as follows:—

*To His Excellency JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

*May it please Your Excellency:*

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, the Parliament of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

1. We heartily congratulate Your Excellency on having been deputed, on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty, to open the first purely Representative Parliament convened in this far off portion of Her Dominions, and accept the cordial greetings tendered by Your Excellency to us, the chosen Representatives of Her loyal people of British Columbia.

2. We concur with Your Excellency, in its being a subject of congratulation that we have become one of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, the grand Confederation of British Territories in North America, whose Constitution is impressed with all the stability of a Monarchy, combined with the freedom, elasticity, and progressive energy of Republican Institutions.

3. We agree with Your Excellency that, in this Union, the future prosperity and advancement of this great country, our adopted home, are fully established.

4. We coincide with the opinion expressed by Your Excellency that, as a British Colony, isolated on this Continent, our prospects were clouded; and that the idea of a Railway, through British Territory, to connect us with our fellow-countrymen in Canada, was but a dream, but that now as a Province of the Dominion our anticipations are bright and confident, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway is already a reality, and soon to be an accomplished work.

5. We are aware that the state of transition in public affairs, incidental to the change in our political system which existed on Your Excellency's assuming the

Government of the Province, compelled you to take for awhile the direct charge of the Departmental business in a greater measure than would otherwise have devolved upon you, but that Your Excellency availed yourself of the first opportunity to transfer that charge from yourself, by appointing a Ministry responsible to us, the Representatives of the people, whom Your Excellency has called together to deliberate on the public matters of the Province, the management of which properly belongs to us, at the earliest date at which it was practicable for us to be assembled, consistent with the fulfilment of the requirements of our Electoral Law.

6. We thank Your Excellency for informing us that there will be laid before us, at an early period of the Session, a full statement of all moneys received and expended subsequent to the Union of this Province with the Dominion, together with Estimates of the probable Revenue of the current year, and of the Expenditure proposed to be incurred during that period, which Estimates will receive our serious consideration, and we feel confident that the proposed expenditure is based upon the strictest economy compatible with the efficient administration of our affairs and due attention to the requirements of the country.

7. We gather, with much satisfaction, the confident opinion expressed by Your Excellency that, free from debt, and with considerable accumulated funds at our disposal, we shall, through our judgment and prudence, so appropriate the financial resources of the Province, in works of a useful and reproductive character, as to secure to the utmost the general welfare of the Province.

8. We learn with pleasure that a measure will be introduced at once to repeal the Civil List Act, with a view of placing in our hands the power of determining the amount of salary to be attached to each office in the Public Service that may be maintained.

9. We desire to assure Your Excellency that the establishment of a system of non-sectarian Free Schools throughout the Province, and a sound and liberal policy for the encouragement of Immigration, shall occupy our earnest attention; and we agree with Your Excellency in regretting, with reference to the latter subject, that the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada tends to delay the introduction of a system of Free Grants of Land, the adoption of which seems so advisable in entering into competition for population, as we must do, with other Countries on this Continent.

10. We will bestow careful consideration on the Bill, which Your Excellency states will be laid before us, for the abolition of the Road Tolls, and which you have strongly commended to our favorable consideration. We are impressed with the force of Your Excellency's observation that the Main-Trunk Avenue which commercially connects the lower section of the Province with the mineral wealth of Cariboo, is of a Provincial character and beneficial to our entire community, and that the tolls at present levied upon this road bear most heavily upon the necessities of life, and that they practically forbid the introduction of machinery to the mines. The amendments proposed by Your Excellency to the Mining Laws will be deliberately considered.

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12. We shall not lose sight of the fact to which Your Excellency adverts, that this Province, following in the footsteps of Ontario, has sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Council Chamber, a marked departure from the constitution of the parent State, and many of its Dependencies; and we are fully sensible of the responsibility which devolves upon us when called upon to exercise the power of legislation thus conferred upon us in a proportionately increased degree. We know that henceforth the principle of self-government is to prevail, and that it has been conceded to us in deference to the wishes of the people, and in accordance with the policy of the Dominion of which we happily form part, and that on us alone does the successful working out of that system depend.

13. In conclusion we thank Your Excellency for the expression of your sym-

pathies in our success, and we fervently join with Your Excellency in expressing a hope that under the direction of an All-Wise Providence our labours may result in the advancement of the best interests of British Columbia.

Report read first time.

On question of second reading being put, Mr. Booth (*Cowichan*) moved, Mr. Ash seconding,—

That it is with sincere regret we observe the agricultural interests have been entirely ignored in Your Excellency's Speech. We are the more sorry for this as, from the nature and magnitude of the public works likely to be commenced in this Province soon, we believe it to be the paramount duty of the Government, by a vigorous effort, to stimulate the agricultural interests of this Province, in order that the money expended in the prosecution of those enterprises may be retained in the Country, and so conduce to the advancement and add to the prosperity of all.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Semlin seconding,—

That all words after "That," in the above, be struck out, and following added: "the Address be adopted as read."

Mr. Bunster moved in amendment, Mr. Cogan seconding,—

That all words in the above Amendment after "That" be left out, and the following substituted: "whereas there is a wide spread desire through all sections of the Province, for such a modification of the Tariff as will better subserve the interests of commerce, and aid in the development of its agricultural, mineral, and manufacturing resources, this House desires to express its regret that the Government has signified no intention to deal with the subject this Session;

"Be it therefore *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, it is extremely desirable that such action should be taken by the Government as will satisfy the desire of the public in reference to the amendment of the Tariff, and that the Speech be amended by the introduction of the following words: 'That the Government of British Columbia intends to take the earliest opportunity of recommending to the Government of the Dominion of Canada, such changes in the Tariff now in force in this Province as will better meet the requirements of the people and the country.'"

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

Mr. Robson's Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried.

*Ordered*, That the Address in reply be adopted as read.

*Ordered*, That it be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by such Members of the House as are of the Executive Council.

The Honorable Mr. McCreight moved, Mr. Robertson seconding,—

That His Excellency's Speech be considered to-morrow, with a view of granting a Supply.

*Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. Duck presented the Petition of Messieurs Jessop and Burr.

*Ordered* to lie on the table.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Standing Orders.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Armstrong, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

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Wednesday, 21st February, 1872.

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2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* acquainted the House that he had waited on the Lieutenant-Governor, in company with other Members of the Executive Council, with the Address in reply to the opening Speech, and that His Excellency had received the same very graciously, and had been pleased to make the following Rejoinder:—

*“Mr. Speaker and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

*“I thank you for your dutiful and loyal Address, and for the assurance it conveys that the important business to be submitted to you will receive your attention.”*

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in the following Bills:—

An Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in case of the Demise of the Crown ;

The Legislative Assembly Privileges Bill ;

The Civil List Repeal Bill ;

The Oaths to Witnesses Bill ;

The Consolidated Revenue Fund Bill ;

The Notaries' Appointment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The Honorable the Attorney-General presented the said Bills, and severally moved their first reading, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding.

*Ordered* to be read severally first time. Read first time accordingly.

On the motion of the Honorable the Attorney-General, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That they be read second time as follows :—

Demise of the Crown Bill, Legislative Assembly Privileges Bill, and Civil List Repeal Bill, on Wednesday next ;

Oaths to Witnesses Bill, and Consolidated Revenue Bill, on Thursday next ;

Notaries Public Bill, on 4th March.

According to Order, the House took His Excellency's Speech into consideration.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Supply be granted, and that the House do go into Committee of Supply on the 6th March, to which that part of His Excellency's Speech relating to supply be referred.

House went into adjourned Committee on Rules and Orders.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Rules completed.

Read first time, and *Ordered* to be brought up for second reading to-morrow.

House adjourned at 4.30 p.m.



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Thursday, 22nd February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Petition of the Mayor of Victoria.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) presented the Petition of *W. Farron* and others.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* asked leave to bring in Bills entitled severally—  
“An Act to further amend the ‘Road Ordinance, 1869;’”

“An Act to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and the Judges thereof, over the Persons and Estates of Idiots and Lunatics;”

“An Act respecting the Securities to be given by Officers of British Columbia;”

“An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Justices of the Peace and Coroners;”

“An Act to define and explain the designation of the Officer described as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and to alter and define the designation of the Colonial Secretary, as mentioned in ‘The Constitution Act, 1871;’”

“An Act to amend ‘The Military and Naval Settlers’ Act, 1868.’”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted severally.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—  
That the said Bills be now severally read first time.  
Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time as follows:—

Road Amendment Bill, and Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill, on the 29th February;  
Officers’ Security Bill, Justices of the Peace Bill, Officers’ Titles Bill, and Naval and Military Settlers’ Bill, on the 1st March.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Semlin* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, so amending Schedule A. of “The Constitution Act, 1871,” as to include the Wellington and Nanoose Districts within the Electoral District of Nanaimo.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That the words “so amending” be left out, and the words “to amend” substituted therefor, and that all words after “1871” be left out.

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

Original Question put and carried.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in a Bill to amend the “Licences Ordinance, 1867.”

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented, and *Ordered* to be read first time now.

Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 4th March.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *J. W. Carey* be considered to-morrow, in Committee of the Whole House.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether the Water Frontages at New Westminster belong to the Dominion or Local Government?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

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Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on Standing Orders was brought up for consideration.

Report read second time, and *Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.\*

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

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Friday, 23rd February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

*Charles Todd*, Esq., a Member for the Electoral District of Kootenay, having been introduced, took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

*Mr. Robson* asked leave to bring in Tax Sale Relief Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The Bill having been presented, *Mr. Robson* moved, *Mr. Mara* seconding,—  
That the said Bill be now read first time.

*Ordered* accordingly. Bill read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in severally the following Bills:—

The Election Regulation Bill;

The Verdict of Civil Jury Bill;

The Public Enquiry Bill;

The Legal Professions Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The said Bills having been duly presented, the Honorable the Attorney-General moved, the Honorable *Mr. Holbrook* seconding,—

That they be now severally read first time.

Bills read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time as follows:—

Verdict of Civil Jury Bill, Election Regulation Bill, and Public Enquiry Bill, on the 4th March;

Legal Professions Bill, on the 5th March.

*Mr. Robson* moved, *Mr. Beaven* seconded, and it was

*R. solved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that early steps may be taken for the purpose of enquiring into the constitutionality of the collection of a Poll Tax by the State Government of California, from British Subjects entering that State.

Pursuant to Order, the Statutes Interpretation Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 3, line 12, add "pre" before "vent."

Section 7, Sub-section 7, add "or District" after "County," and "or Districts" after "Counties," line 1.

Section 7, Sub-section 12, add "1st July" after "Monday," line 2.

" " 34, alter "were" to "where," line 5.

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On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with above Amendments.

Report read first time.

Second reading *Ordered* for Monday.

The Honorable *G. A. Walkem*, a Member for the Electoral District of Cariboo, was introduced, to whom was administered, by the Clerk, the oath of allegiance. The Honorable Member having subscribed the same, took his seat.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider the Petition of *J. W. Carey*.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Monday.

The House then adjourned at 4 p.m.

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Monday, 26th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th February, 1872, for copies of all Correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and that of the Dominion of Canada, in respect to the modification of the Tariff.\*

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in the Public Schools Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented.

Oh motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconding,—

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 4th March.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconded,—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, during its present Session, providing for the imposition of a *per capita* Tax of \$50 a head per annum, upon all Chinese within the Province.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas 7, Nays 15.*

So the Resolution was lost.

On Mr. *Duck* moving that the Petition of Messieurs *Burr and Jessop* be now considered,

The Hon. Mr. Speaker ruled the same to be out of Order, as asking for a payment from the public funds.

On Mr. *Smithe* moving for leave to bring in a Bill taxing Wild Lands,

The Hon. Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order.

Mr. *Mara* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the causes

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that have delayed the Kootenay Elections, and also the causes of the detention of the Return of the Writ. Such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Todd, Robson, Robertson, Hunter, Booth (Cariboo), and Beaven.*

Moved by Mr. *Beaven*, seconded by Mr. *Robson*, and

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that Returns may be sent down to this House, shewing the amount collected for the year 1871, under the "Licence Ordinance, 1867," and shewing the amount collected in each District of the Province, under the different designations as expressed in Schedule A. of the above mentioned Ordinance.

Moved by Mr. *Robson*, seconded by Mr. *Duck*, and

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for the appointment of a Commission to enquire into and report upon the condition of the Provincial Gaols, the number of prisoners, the number of lunatics, the accommodation provided for the same, and make such recommendations as they may think fit, with a view to ameliorating the condition of the inmates.

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether it is the intention of the Government to bring in any measure to assimilate the County Court Fees of all Districts of this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Statutes Interpretation Bill, Report read second time and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Statutes Interpretation Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the further consideration in Committee of the Whole House, of *J. W. Carey's* Petition, The Speaker ruled the said Petition out of Order.

On the motion of the Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding,—

*Resolved*, That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned till Wednesday next.

And then the House adjourned at 5.50 p.m., till Wednesday next.

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Wednesday, 28th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, the following Resolution:—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that effectual steps may be adopted for the purpose of preventing the employment of Chinese labour upon the public works of this Province, or upon any Federal works within the same, whether such works may be given out by contract or carried on under the immediate control of either Government.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the House divided.  
*Yeas* 5, *Nays* 17.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

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YEAS:  
Messieurs

*Robson,  
Beaven,*

*Robinson,*

*Semlin,*

*Bunster.—5.*

NAYS:  
Messieurs

*Robertson,  
Holbrook,  
McCreight,  
Walkem,  
Todd,*

*Hunter,  
Mara,  
Hughes,  
Duck,*

*Armstrong,  
Booth, (Cariboo),  
Booth, (Cowichan),  
Humphreys,*

*Ash,  
Smithe,  
Cogan,  
Jamieson.—17.*

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was Resolved, That the Honorable the Attorney-General be requested to bring in a Bill for the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in Mechanics' Lien Law.  
Ordered, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Duck* moved—  
That a Select Committee be appointed to ascertain the particulars of Messieurs *Jessop* and *Burr's* Petition, and report thereon.  
Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hunter* seconded,—  
That this House recommend the Government to reduce the price of the Revised Statutes of British Columbia to \$4 per copy; that the price of the Appendix, now in press, be fixed at \$2 per copy; and that the price of both to one person be \$5.

The Honorable the Speaker ruled that all words after "\$4 per copy" were out of Order, not having originally been included in the notice given.  
Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved the following Resolution:—  
That a Select Committee be appointed to examine papers and report upon the admission of Mr. *Mara* to a seat in this House, previously to the Return of the Writ from Kootenay. The Committee to consist of Messieurs *Booth (Cowichan)*, *Booth (Cariboo)*, *Bunster*, and *Ash*.  
Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Ordered, That leave be given to the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* to bring in Gold Mining Amendment Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Ordered to be read second time on the 6th March.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Cogan* seconding,—  
That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, at an early date, providing for the imposition of a Tax upon unoccupied and uncultivated Country Lands, with a view of preventing speculation therein.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That the following words be added:—

"That a Select Committee be appointed to draw up such Address, and to prepare a Bill for enclosure therewith for His Excellency's consideration. Such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Walkem*, *Robertson*, *Jamieson*."

Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* to bring in the Road Tolls Abolition Bill.

He accordingly presented the said Bill, which was read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 6th March.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Holbrook* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee on Private Bills and Standing Orders be appointed, consisting of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Beaven*, *Armstrong*, *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Robson*, *Walkem*.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, What changes are contemplated in the County Courts of the Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Demise of the Crown Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Assembly Privileges Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Civil List Repeal Bill was read second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without any Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

*Ordered*, To be postponed till Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Thursday, 29th February, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General, Whether, under the present Civil Service system, Clerks and Employes of the Government are permitted to own interests in local Newspapers, or to act as Editors or Correspond-

ents for the same; and if so, whether it is the intention of the Government to permit such practices to continue?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Demise of the Crown Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in case of the Demise of the Crown."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Assembly Privileges Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Legislative Assembly Privileges Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Civil List Repeal Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Civil List Act (1871) Repeal Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Oaths Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill complete without Amendments.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Consolidated Revenue Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Road Amendment Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to report the Bill without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, That this Bill be now read second time.

Whereupon a debate arose, which having terminated, the House divided.

*Yeas* 10, *Nays* 12.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows;—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*  
*McCreight,*  
*Walkem,*

*Holbrook,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Semlin,*

*Mara,*  
*Robson,*

*Hughes,*  
*Todd.*—10.

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NAYS :

Messieurs

*Booth (Cariboo),  
Duck,  
Armstrong,*

*Bunster,  
Humphreys,  
Ash,*

*Jamieson,  
Cogan,  
Smith,*

*Robinson,  
Booth (Cowichan),  
Hunter.—12.*

So it passed in the negative, and the motion to read the Bill second time now was lost.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

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Friday, 1st March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Smith* seconding:—

Whereas, in the 7th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, "It is agreed that the existing Customs and Excise duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada:"

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Customs Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada may come into force in this Province on the 1st May next.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the words "on the 1st May next" be left out, and the following words added: "and that a Bill may be sent down for that purpose."

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That all words in the Original Question after "That" be left out, and the following substituted: "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Customs Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada, with certain Amendments, may come in force in this Province, and that a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Armstrong*, *Jamieson*, *Ash*, *Booth (Cowichan)*, *Smithe*, and *Bunster* be appointed to consider the same."

Whereupon a debate arose, which having lasted till 6 o'clock,

Mr. *Robson* moved the adjournment of the debate till 2 o'clock to-morrow.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment, That the debate be adjourned till 2 o'clock on Monday.

Amendment put and lost.

Debate adjourned till 2 o'clock on Saturday.

Mr. Speaker not then being present, Mr. *Hughes* was called to the Chair.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House when it rises do adjourn till to-morrow, at 2 p.m.

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.



Saturday, 2nd March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Adjourned Debate on the subject of the adoption of the Canadian Tariff was resumed.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* asked leave to withdraw his Amendment.

Ordered, That leave be granted.

Amendment withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved in amendment to the Original Question, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That all words after "That" be struck out, and the following substituted: "That this House accept the Canadian Tariff, and do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, with instructions to prepare a Petition to the Dominion Government, to consider the expediency of altering the Customs duties on certain articles to be described in the Petition, in order to afford protection to agricultural and manufacturing interests in this Province, and certain exemptions from Excise."

And the debate having continued till 6 o'clock, the Amendment was put and the House divided. Yeas 5, Nays 16.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Cogan.—5.</i>
<i>Bunster,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Hunter.—16.</i>

So it passed in the negative, and the Amendment was lost.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. Yeas 14, Nays 9.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Duck.—14.</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>
<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Jamieson.—9.</i>
<i>Humphreys,</i>			

So the question was carried in the affirmative, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas in the 7th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada, "It is agreed that the existing Customs and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast, and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada,"

An humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor,

praying that the Customs and Excise Laws of Canada may come into force in this Province, and that a Bill may be sent down for that purpose.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Monday, 4th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of certain Owners of Property, Bankers, Land Agents, &c., of Victoria.

*Ordered* to be read and laid on the table.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved the following Resolution, Mr. *Bunster* seconding:—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House to repeal the Act prohibiting the Sale of Malt Liquor to Indians.

On the Question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 3, *Nays* 20.

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

**YEAS:**

Messieurs

*Humphreys,*                      *Bunster,*                      *Smith.*—3.

**NAYS:**

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Bunter,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>
<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Cogan.</i> —20.

So the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding,—

That the Honorable the Attorney-General be asked to bring in a Bill to prevent the running at large of the following animals: Stud-horses and Bulls.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Motion withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government, the removal of one of the "Sisters Rocks," at Yale, in order to improve the navigation of the Fraser River, and facilitate Steamboat communication between New Westminster and Yale (the head of navigation) at all stages of the water.

Mr. *Humphreys* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the Telegram published in the *Cariboo Sentinel* on the 3rd February, 1872, is authentic? and of which the following is a copy: "The Premier authorizes Mr. Walkem to state to his constituents that, at Mr. Walkem's instance, measures for the abolition of Road Tolls, and Mr. Walkem's Mining Act, reducing charges on Records and Leave of Absence, as prepared in Cariboo, will be brought in as Ministerial measures. Extra grant for Hospital, appropriations for Omineca, Lowhee, Jack of Clubs, and Lightning Creeks, and Five hundred dollars to

"Williams Creek Fire Brigade, will be placed on the Estimates; also, that the construction of a Bridge at Quesnel will be discussed on the arrival of the Cariboo Members."

On a question of Order having been raised by Mr. *Humphreys*, whether the words then being made use of by the Honorable the Attorney-General, in replying to the above question, were warranted by parliamentary usage,

Mr. Speaker ruled that the Honorable the Attorney-General was in order.

Mr. *Humphreys* appealed from Mr. Speaker's ruling, to the House.

On the Question being put as to whether this House do support the Chair, the House divided. Yeas 12, Nays 7.

*Ordered*, That the Chair be supported.

So the Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the Government have yet applied to the Dominion Government for the Water Frontages at New Westminster; and if not, if it is their intention to do so?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* asked the Member for Lillooet (Mr. *Humphreys*),—Whether he is the author of two Telegrams, purporting to have been signed by him, and appearing in the *Sentinel* of the 27th January last?

Mr. *Humphreys* replied.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Lien Law Bill.

*Ordered* to be read first time. Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Oaths to Witnesses Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Legislative Assembly Oaths to Witnesses Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Consolidated Revenue Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Consolidated Revenue Fund Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Road Amendment Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Road Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Notaries Public Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee,

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, strike out all words from commencement to "Columbia" in line 9, and substitute: "It shall be lawful for the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint, from time to time, as he thinks fit, under his hand and seal at arms, one or more "Notaries Public for this Province."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Trades Licence Amendment Bill,

Mr. *Beaven* moved That this Bill be now read a second time.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—  
That this Bill be read second time this day six months.

After a debate, the Amendment was put and the House divided. *Yeas* 17, *Nays* 6.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cariboo),</i>	<i>Cogan,</i>	<i>Jamieson.—17.</i>
<i>Todd,</i>			

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Booth, (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Bunster.—6.</i>
<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>		

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Ordered* to be read second time this day six months.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 5th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House has heard with unfeigned regret of the insane attack that has recently been made upon Her Majesty, and that we, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, on behalf of ourselves and the people of this Province, beg to be permitted to offer to Her Majesty the assurance of our profound sympathy with Her, and of our loyal attachment to Her throne and person; and that His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully requested to forward the above Resolution to the Governor-General of the Dominion, for transmission to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of *Robert Plummer*.

Petition read; and on the question of receiving the said Petition being put the House divided. *Yeas* 3, *Nays* 17.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be not received.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—  
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of the sums required for the service of the Province of British Columbia, for the year ending the 31st December, 1872, and recommends the same to the House of Assembly.\*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Victoria, 4th March, 1872.

\* See Appendix.

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*Ordered*, That the said Message, together with the Estimates accompanying the same, be referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, and it was .

*Resolved*, That whereas the gentlemen who now are, and have been, holding and exercising the office of County Court Judges in this Province, are not Barristers, and are not skilled in the law; and whereas it is expedient to appoint Barristers learned in the law, who shall hold and exercise the office of County Court Judges, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will move the Government of the Dominion to appoint not less than three competent County Court Judges for the Province of British Columbia, as soon as practicable.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all papers and correspondence referring to the condition of the Prisoners confined in the Gaol at New Westminster, be sent down to this House.

On Mr. *Duck* moving for an Address for a Bill to remunerate Jurymen,

*Ordered*, That the discussion of the question be referred to a Committee of the whole House, to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for presenting the Report of Committee of the whole House on the Notaries Bill,

Report agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Notaries Public Appointment Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Legal Professions Bill, the Bill was read second time.

*Ordered*, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, line 9, between words "now" and "on" insert "or hereafter to be placed."

Section 2, line 10, between words "practising" and "within," insert "or admitted hereafter to practise."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be brought up to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, 6th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding, and it was *Resolved*, That this House do now go into Committee to consider an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, prepared in accordance with the Resolution of this House yesterday.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Address to Her Majesty :—

*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, desire to approach Your Majesty with an expression of unfeigned regret at hearing of the insane attack that has recently been made upon Your Majesty; and we beg to be permitted to offer to Your Majesty the assurance of our profound sympathy and a desire to join with Your Majesty in an expression of thanks to the Ruler of all Destinies, that the attack made upon Your Majesty has not resulted in any way injuriously. We take this opportunity of assuring Your Majesty of our devotion and attachment to Your Majesty's Throne and person.

On the question of the adoption of the said Address being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in the following words:—

*To His Excellency the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that Your Excellency will be pleased to transmit, in such a way as to Your Excellency may seem meet, our Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, expressive of our regret and sympathy on being informed of the recent insane attempt on Her Majesty, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

On the question being put, it was carried *nemine contradicente*, and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith a Bill providing for the adoption of the Canadian Tariff and Excise Laws, and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

On the question of the second reading being put, Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That the vote for first reading of the Customs Bill sent down by His Excellency be rescinded, and that this House do, on Monday, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a Bill to alter the Laws concerning the Tariff, and that the Bill sent down by His Excellency be referred to such Committee.

Question put and carried.

Bill *Ordered* to be referred to a Committee accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, for a Return of Revenue received under Trades Licences in each District of the Province in 1871.

*Ordered* to be printed.\*

Mr. *Robson* presented the Petition of *J. Robertson Stewart*.

Read and received.

*Ordered* to be referred to the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills.

Mr. *Armstrong* presented the Petition of certain Settlers on *Fraser River*.

Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* presented the Petition of *Samuel Herring*.

Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Hunter* presented the Petition of the Miners of *Cariboo*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as the address was erased and another substituted.

Mr. *Hunter* appealed against the ruling of the Chair.

On the question being put "Does the House support the Chair?" the House divided. Yeas 18, Nays 3.

*Ordered*, That the Chair be supported, and the Petition not received.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the 5th Clause of the 6th Section of the Controverted Elections Act may be so amended that five hundred dollars shall be the amount of security required.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Bill may be sent down to this House, providing for the introduction of the Ballot, as a means of voting at all Elections held in this Province.

Mr. *Humphreys* rose to speak to a question of privilege, and moved that the House do proceed to elect a Law Clerk, in the following manner:—

That each Member cast a vote, and such person as receives the greatest number of votes be appointed by Mr. Speaker.

19 votes being cast for Mr. *Hett*, he was declared by Mr. Speaker duly elected.

On the motion of Mr. *Booth (Cowichan)* being put, the House divided. Yeas 10, Nays 13.

The names, on request, being taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Smithe,*  
*Cogan,*  
*Jamieson,*

*Ash,*  
*Booth (Cowichan),*  
*Armstrong,*

*Humphreys,*  
*Bunster,*

*Beaven,*  
*Duck.*—10.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*  
*McCreight,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Holbrook,*

*Todd,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Mara,*

*Robson,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Robinson,*

*Booth (Cariboo),*  
*Hughes,*  
*Smith.*—13.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Hughes* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that steps may be taken to move the Dominion Government to the immediate adoption of an Indian Policy for this Province, and a proper adjustment of Indian Reserves.

On Mr. *Smith* moving that the Petition of *J. C. Barnes* be referred to a Select Committee,

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as being an application for public money.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the Resolution accepting the Canadian Tariff, for the purpose of considering a Bill to carry the same into effect.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Smith* seconding,—

That the words “on Monday next” be added.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. Yeas 10, Nays 13.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Smithe,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>
<i>Jamieson,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Cogan.—10.</i>
<i>Ash,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>		

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Hunter,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Beaven,</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Robinson.—13.</i>
<i>Holbrook,</i>			

Mr. *Armstrong* moved that the Order of the Day be now read.

Motion lost, on a division. Yeas 9, Nays 14.

The House went into Committee on the Customs Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been instructed to hand in the following basis of a Bill on the subject of the Customs and Excise Laws:—

“From and after the passing of this Act, the Tariff or Customs and Excise Laws now in force in Canada shall, until it is otherwise provided by lawful authority, be in force in and extend and apply to the Province of British Columbia.”

“This Act may be cited as the “Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872.”

Report read first time.

Ordered, That it be adopted, and that the Attorney-General be instructed to prepare a Bill carrying the same into effect.

Order of the Day read.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, 7th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to apply to the Dominion Government, to have the Water Frontages, opposite New Westminster, handed over to the said City.



Mr. *Smith* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

That the words “a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs *Duck*, *Robson*, *Hughes*, and *Armstrong*, be appointed to consider and report” be added after “That,” and the words “be presented” be omitted.

Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Mara* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of this House be appointed for the purpose of framing a Municipal Act, in accordance with the requirements of the whole Province, and that the Committee be composed of the following gentlemen:—Messieurs *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Robson*, *Robertson*, *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Mara*, and *Beaven*.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Mara* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return of all Correspondence and other papers connected with the Trail between the Mouth of Quesnel and Germansen Creek, Omineca, constructed by *J. C. Barnes*.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconded,—

That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of transmitting an Address to the Canadian Government soliciting them to pass an Act to impose certain Duties of Customs on the following articles:—Wheat, 10 cents  $\frac{3}{4}$  hundred pounds; Flour, 50 cents  $\frac{3}{4}$  barrel; Butter, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents a lb; and Eggs, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  cents a dozen.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of order as being substantially the same as one on which this House had already decided this Session.

Mr. *Humphreys* appealed against the ruling of the Chair.

On the question being put, Whether this House support the Chair, the House divided. Yeas 20, Nays 2.

So the question was ruled out of Order.’

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Does Section 11 of “The Homestead Ordinance, 1867,” exempt goods and chattels that have never been paid for, from forced seizure?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Has the Corporation of the City of Victoria, any rights over the Water Frontages of Victoria Harbour, and, if so, in what do such rights consist?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Is the “Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1868,” applicable to the present time, and, if so, who is the person appointed, under Section 6 of such Ordinance, as Inspector of Weights and Measures?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*), moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas there is reason to believe that irregularities prevailed at the late Nanaimo Election, and that such irregularities are imputed to some extent to *Warner R. Spalding*, the Returning Officer at such Election,—a Committee, to consist of Messieurs *Beaven*, *Ash*, *Robinson Booth* (*Cowichan*), and *Jamieson*, be appointed to investigate and examine, forthwith, the conduct of the said *Warner R. Spalding*, as Returning Officer at such Election; and that the Report of such Committee be laid before this House, at as early a date as possible.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

It is the intention of the Government to put on the Estimates any sum of money with a view of adding a Supplementary Subsidy to the Mail Steamer about

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to be put on the East Coast of this Island, in order that freight and fares to the various settlements on the route may be materially reduced?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—What course the Government intends to adopt with respect to Public Lands near Ogden Point?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Legal Professions Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That this Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

On the question being put the House divided. Yeas 14, Nays 3.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Ordered* accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Mining Amendment Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Tolls Repeal Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Jamieson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight clerical Amendments.

Report read and adopted.

*Ordered* to be read third time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Friday, 8th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of certain Merchants and Traders, of *Victoria*, which having been read,

Mr. Speaker ruled the said Petition out of Order, as making application for expenditure of public money.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that full Returns, from the Supreme Court, of the disposition of all moneys derived from the Estates of Intestates and Lunatics in this Province, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in a Bill for establishing Ballot in this Province.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of Order, as being one on which this House had already decided this Session.

On Mr. *Armstrong* moving—

That this House do go into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of amending Clauses 38 and 39 of "The Constitution Act, 1871," for the purpose of increasing the Indemnity of Members of the Legislative Assembly, as follows:—

\$10 a day for a Session not exceeding 30 days, and if exceeding 30 days the amount of \$500 for the Session; and 25 cents mileage for each mile between the place of residence of each Member and the place where the Session is held, reckoning such distance going and coming.

*Ordered*, That the House do go into Committee to consider the same on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Honorable the Colonial Secretary be requested to furnish, for the information of this House, Estimates of the Income of the Province for the present year.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will recommend to the Dominion Government, the immediate necessity of a regular Mail Service through the Kamloops, Okanagan, Spellumacheen, and Nicola Lake sections of the Yale-Lytton District; such Mail Service to connect with the different Post Offices on the general mail route between New Westminster and Cariboo.

On Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) moving that the Petition of *W. Farron* be referred to Committee of Supply.

Ruled out of Order by Mr. Speaker as asking for a grant of public money.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,—

That the Petition of *Samuel Herring* be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Holbrook*, *Armstrong*, *Cogan*, and *Bunster*, and that such Committee be instructed to report upon such Petition as soon as possible.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment, Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the following Instructions be placed in the hands of the Committee, and that they do report upon the same:—

1. Ascertain whether the land referred to is reserved or not.  
2. Whether the Petitioner, as lessee, is not bound by a lease from the Crown, which does not expire till 1878, or in whatever other year, and whether such lease has not been signed by him.

3. Whether the land is surveyed or not, and if this Government has the power to sell under the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada.

4. Whether any and what amount of rent is due by Petitioner.

Amendment put and carried.

Original Question, as amended, put and carried, and it was *Resolved* accordingly.

Mr. *Smith* moved the following Resolution:—

That this House do go into Committee of the Whole to consider an humble Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will take under consideration the Petition of *J. C. Barnes*, for compensation in constructing a Trail from Quesnelmouth to Germansen Creek, Omineca.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province be respectfully requested to move the Dominion Government to extend the Mail Service on the East Coast of this Island, so as to have the mails carried into the Districts situated at a distance from the salt water.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

If the British Columbia Pilots are entitled to speak Vessels in the Straits of Fuca, bound to Burrard Inlet, Nanaimo, and Fraser River, and demand half rates of Pilotage for those Ports, in the event of their services being declined?

Under whose authority the Pilot Boat and local Pilot formerly stationed at Burrard Inlet was removed?

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In cases of Vessels being wrecked or taking ground, while under the charge of qualified Pilots, are any enquiries made or investigations entered into; and if so, what is the nature of the same?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* presented the Petition of the Mayor of *Victoria*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Lien Law Bill,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Wednesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,  
The Tolls Abolition Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Road Tolls Repeal Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider a Bill to remunerate Jurymen.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee recommended that leave be granted to bring in said Bill.

Report adopted.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to Mr. *Duck* to bring in Jurymen Emolument Bill.

On the Order of the Day being read, the Honorable the Attorney-General moved,—

That the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment,—

That the Bill be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

The Bill was then read second time and Committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with certain Amendments.

Report read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be considered on Monday.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Monday, 11th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*), Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to draw up and present a Report upon the Petition of *Samuel W. Herring*, brought up a Report, which was as follows:—

Your Committee having considered the Petition referred to, and having examined the Petitioner, and having also examined a lease produced by the Petitioner, bearing date the 29th May, 1868, beg to report as follows:—

That the lease referred to, made and entered into by *J. W. Trutch*, Esq., then Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, of the one part, and *Samuel Weaver Herring*, of the other part, shews that the subject matter of the Petition is wholly

out of the power of the Committee, and that therefore no action can be taken by them thereon, the parties to the lease being, in the opinion of the Committee, the only competent parties to take action in the matter.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Breeding Stock Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented and read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved that the Order of the Day be now read.  
Question negatived.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Government of Canada, that a regular weekly Mail be established between Clinton and Dog Creek, in the Lillooet District.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) seconding,—

That the vote on the Resolution of Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*), providing for the introduction of the Ballot, be rescinded.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *McCreight*, Chairman of Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Mayor of Victoria, for aid to furnish a Supply of Water to the City of Victoria, and find that the notices have been given for the full time required by the Rules, and are sufficient.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in a Bill to limit the Fees payable on the Estates of Deceased Persons, to the net proceeds of such Estates, after providing for the payment of the debts of the deceased, and to allow a refund in all cases where an over payment has been made under this head.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that His Excellency may be pleased to send down, for the information of this House, the Returns of all money expended for Repairs, Furniture, Water, Fuel, Light, Planting Grounds, Salary of Gardener and assistance, Fencing, Stables, and Outhouses, and all Incidental Expenses connected with the Government Houses at Victoria and New Westminster, since their first establishment.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* moved in amendment,—

That the words "since their establishment" be left out, and the words "for the years 1870 and 1871" be substituted.

Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Duck* asked leave to bring in Water Supply Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly, and referred to Select Committee on Private Bills.

Mr. *Hughes* moved, Mr. *Armstrong* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking for Returns to be sent down to this House of the amount derived from the Sale of Lands in all the Districts in this Province, during the year 1871.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to move the Dominion Government, that a Mail Service may be established, three times a week, between Victoria and New Westminster; a service, twice a week, from New Westminster to Yale; the establishment of Post Offices as follows, viz.:—at Granville, and Moody, Dietz, & Nelson's Mills, Burrard Inlet; also at the head of Sumass Lake, Chilliwhack Settlement, and at St. Mary's Mission, Fraser River, with a Mail, twice a week, from Miller's Landing to head of Sumass Lake; and also a daily Mail from New Westminster to Hastings, Granville, and Moody, Dietz, and Nelson's Mill, Burrard Inlet.

Mr. *Semlin* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconding,—

That Section 1 in "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871," be amended by adding "any Member of the House of Commons of Canada" after word "designation" in said Section.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) moved in amendment, Mr. *Smühe* seconding,—

That "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act" be referred to a Select Committee for amendment, and that the said Committee be instructed to introduce the Ballot into the Act, as a measure of voting at all Elections held in this Province.

Amendment withdrawn by leave.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. Yeas 11, Nays 12.

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robertson,*  
*Holbrook,*  
*Todd,*

*Beaven,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Robinson,*

*Mara,*  
*Semlin,*  
*Smith,*

*Robson,*  
*Duck.*—11.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*McCreight,*  
*Walkem,*  
*Hughes,*

*Booth* (*Cariboo*),  
*Armstrong,*  
*Bunster,*

*Humphreys,*  
*Ash,*  
*Jamieson,*

*Booth* (*Cowichan*),  
*Smühe,*  
*Cogan.*—12.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will furnish, for the information of this House, a detailed account of the Income and Expenditure of the Province, during the period from the 21st July to 31st December, 1871.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—How much of the \$6,000 appropriated last year for Surveys throughout the Province has been expended, and what surveys have been made, and in what Districts; what salary paid to Surveyors per day, when employed by the day, and what per month, when employed by the month?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Why persons of colour are never summoned to serve as Jurymen?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, If the Rents exacted by the Government from parties residing on Lands at Burrard Inlet, prior to the Government Sale of Lots at that place, were in all cases the same; if any reductions were made in certain cases, in respect to different indi-

viduals? if so, why were such reductions made, and the full amount exacted in others?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Mara* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Are Settlers who pre-empted 160 acres of land under the "Land Ordinance, 1865," still entitled to purchase 480 acres of land adjoining their Pre-emption Claim?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Robson* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Has it come to the knowledge of the Government that United States Tug-Steamers are in the habit of engaging in towing in British Columbia waters, in contravention of the laws in that behalf made and provided?

Is it the intention of the Government to permit a continuance of that practice?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

7.50 P.M.

The Report of the Jury Verdict Bill adopted, and the Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The British Columbia Jury Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee on the Tariff Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, That the Bill based on the Report of a Committee of the Whole House be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Mining Amendment Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Bunster*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report read and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Thursday.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Public Enquiry Bill was read second time, and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Todd*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Public Enquiries Aid Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the School Bill was read second time and Committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12 o'clock midnight.

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Tuesday, 12th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Duck*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to consider and submit an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, asking that the

Water Frontages at New Westminster may be given over by the Dominion Government to the Municipality of that City, brought up a Report as follows:—

*To His Excellency the Honorable JOSEPH WILLIAM TRUTCH, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that Your Excellency will be pleased to make application to the Dominion Government, that the Water Frontages at New Westminster may be handed over to the Municipality of that City, whenever the following conditions have been fulfilled:—

1. That the City shall be properly incorporated:

2. That in the event of the City requiring possession of any wharf or wharves, or other property, now in possession of private parties, the said City shall, before such wharf or wharves, or other property, come into their possession, give a fair compensation for the same, to be determined in the following manner:—The City to appoint one arbitrator, the party in possession to appoint another, and in the event of disagreement, the two arbitrators to appoint an umpire, whose decision shall be final.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Booth (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that the Dominion Government may be requested, in granting any subsidy for the Mail Service on the East Coast of this Island, to make it a condition that any steamer to which such subsidy may be granted shall be required to carry freight and passengers at one-half, or thereabouts, the rates at present charged on the Government steamer; and asking that the rates now charged on the Government steamer may meanwhile be reduced one-half or thereabouts.

Mr. Armstrong moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Members to vote in Committee on the Indemnity to be given to Members of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Standing Orders be suspended.

Suspended accordingly.

Mr. Booth (*Cowichan*) moved, Mr. Smithe seconding; and it was

*Resolved*, That whereas recent discoveries in the northern part of British Columbia give good reason to believe that extensive mining operations will shortly be established in that region, and whereas the boundary line between the adjoining Territory of Alaska and the said Province of British Columbia has never been properly defined, and whereas it will materially assist in maintaining peace, order, and good government within the said Province, to have the boundary line properly laid down, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may take such steps as may call the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity of some action being taken at an early date to have the boundary line defined.

Mr. Humphreys moved, Mr. Smithe seconding,

That whereas the present mode of repairing and maintaining the Public Roads in this Province is unsatisfactory, irregular, and expensive in its results; be it therefore *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to order that all repairs and maintenance required on the Public Roads of this Province be done by contract.

The Honorable Mr. Walkem moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. McCreight seconding,—

That all words after "That" be left out, and the following substituted:—



"a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the charges made by the Member for Lillooet (Mr. *Humphreys*) that certain men, whose names shall be ascertained, employed by the Government on the Waggon Roads in the upper country have been paid for work which they have never done, and have defrauded the Government, with power to call for persons and papers."

Amendment put and carried.

Committee appointed by vote as follows:—Messieurs *Walkem, Booth (Cowichan), Smith, Hunter, Booth (Cariboo), and Ash.*

Mr. *Bunster* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Whether, in his opinion, all the Water Frontages at the extreme ends of the Streets of this City should not be open to the public?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee to consider the Indemnity to Members attending the House.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the consideration of the House:—

That, in the opinion of this House, the Indemnity to Members of this House should be increased as follows, viz.:—

\$8 a day for a Session not exceeding thirty days, and if exceeding thirty days the amount of \$500 for the Session, and with 25 cents mileage for each mile between the place of residence of each Member and the place where the Session is held, reckoning such distance going and coming; and that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, praying him to send down a Bill to this House for the purpose, immediately; and that a sum be placed on the Estimates to meet the requirements of this Resolution.

Ordered to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

Mr. *McCreight* moved the second reading of the Tariff Adoption Bill.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, in amendment, That the Bill be read second time this day six months.

On the Amendment being put the House divided. Yeas 5, Nays 12.

So it was lost and the Bill was read second time.

On motion being made That this Bill be now Committed,—

Mr. *Ash* moved That the Committee be instructed to insert a provision that the Bill shall not come into operation till 1st April.

Debate adjourned till to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Wednesday, 13th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight*, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Second Report of said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the Petition of *John Robertson Stewart*, for a Bill to confirm him in possession of certain lands held by him at Quatsino, and recommend that the Notice published in the Government Gazette be held sufficient, and that the Standing Orders be suspended as regards the requirements for the Notice to be published in a newspaper as well, such Notice having been inadvertently omitted, and it being too late to remedy the omission.

Ordered, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to bring in Quatsino Land Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Bill presented and read first time.

Referred to Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor presents for the consideration of the Legislative Assembly, copies of the correspondence in reference to a claim made by the Representative of the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Co., for the premium of £500 offered by the Government of British Columbia, by notice in the Government Gazette dated 2nd June, 1864, for the first 200 tons of Coal produced from any mine within the then Colony of British Columbia, and shipped to any foreign port, and invites the expression of the opinion of the Members of the Assembly on the question of the payment of this claim.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Victoria, 13th March, 1872.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, the Honorable Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the matter of the claim of the Liquidators of the Queen Charlotte Coal Mining Company, Limited, for a bonus of £500 be referred to a Select Committee to report upon the question whether the said Company has complied with the terms of the Proclamation offering such bonus, and that such Committee do consist of Messieurs *Hunter*, *Walkem*, *Semlin*, *Booth*, (*Cariboo*), and *Hughes*.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table a Return to an Address of the House for papers connected with the condition of the Gaol and Prisoners at New Westminster.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be respectfully requested to instruct the Honorable the Attorney-General to introduce a Bill to this House having for its object an amendment of the Road Act, so as to include the Mainland of this Province in all the provisions of that Act.

On the question being put the House divided. Yeas 11, Nays 11.

Which being a tie vote, Mr. Speaker cast his vote with the Yeas.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Robertson*,  
*McCreight*,  
*Holbrook*,

*Beaven*,  
*Hughes*,  
*Duck*,

*Bunster*,  
*Booth*, (*Cowichan*),  
*Ash*,

*Smithe*,  
*Cogan*,  
*Mr. Speaker*.—12

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Todd*,  
*Hunter*,  
*Robinson*,

*Semlin*,  
*Mara*,  
*Robson*,

*Smith*,  
*Armstrong*,  
*Booth*, (*Cariboo*),

*Humphreys*,  
*Jamieson*.—11.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit all waggons, drays, or carts from being allowed to haul wood or other loads, over one ton, on the roads

in Victoria and Esquimalt Districts, except the said waggon tires are five inches in width; farmers to be exempt.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The said Bill was presented and read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. Mara moved, Mr. Beaven seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs Walkem, Booth (Cariboo), Robson, Semlin, and Mara, be appointed to enquire into what lands, mineral and agricultural, have been pre-empted and sold within this Province since 1870, with power to examine witnesses and call for persons and papers.

Mr. Beaven moved, Mr. Robson seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return may be sent down to this House of all correspondence connected with the Vancouver Island Real Estate Taxes, from the 1st January, 1871, down to the present time, between the Government and parties claiming a return or refund of taxes, or pointing out errors in the Tax List, or applying to have the taxes removed from the list on the ground of payment.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Beaven seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Report of the Hospitals at Victoria and New Westminster, shewing the number of patients and the diseases for which they have been treated, the number received and discharged during the past year, a statement of receipts and expenditure during the same period, together with any recommendations for increasing the comfort and efficiency of said institutions.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Booth (Cariboo), seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Report from the Gold Commissioner on the Omineca Country; such Report, among other things, to embrace an estimate of the population, the yield of the mines, the amount of Revenue collected, the probable extent and productiveness of the mines, together with any suggestion as to the best means of facilitating communication with the same, and the probable amount requisite for trails leading to that Country for the ensuing season.

Mr. Booth (Cariboo) asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—If it is his intention to introduce a Bill, this Session, for the creation of a Court of Appeal for this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

According to Order, the Report of the Mining Bill was brought up.

*Ordered* to be adopted, and that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Gold Mining Amendment Act, 1872."

According to Order, the adjourned debate on the motion to go into Committee on the Tariff Bill was resumed.

Mr. Ash withdrew, by leave, his Amendment for an instruction to Committee. The House went into Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with an Amendment to the Preamble.

Report to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Lien Law Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

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Pursuant to Order, the House resumed the Committal of the School Bill.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

Section 2, line 1, strike out "That commencing" and "March," and insert "April."

Section 2, lines 1 and 2, strike out "and" to "year."

Section 2, line 5, fill blank with "forty," and after "purposes" insert "and in each subsequent year such sums shall be set apart as aforesaid as may be voted by the Legislative Assembly for the purposes aforesaid."

Section 4, line 6, strike out "fifteen hundred," and insert "two thousand."

Section 4, at end, insert "Provided, always, that no person shall be eligible for Superintendent unless he has been an experienced and successful Teacher of at least five years' standing, and holds a first class certificate from some College, School, or Board of Examination in some other Province or Country where a Public School system has been in operation."

Section 7, sub-section 11, line 3, substitute "may" for "shall."

Section 9, sub-section 9, line 6, after "Schools," insert "to be transmitted."

Section 19, line 7, substitute "three" for "their."

Section 20, line 1, after "elected," insert "at the first annual school meeting in any District."

Section 29, line 1, after "notices," insert "or from any other cause."

Section 32, line 3, substitute "voters" for "tax-payers."

After Section 33, add new Section as follows:—"34. No person shall be appointed as a Teacher in any Public School, unless he shall hold a first, second, or third class certificate of qualification from the Board of Education."

Section 35, line 5, after "Legislature," insert "and others interested in education."

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

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Thursday, 14th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Semlin* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that copies of instructions to the Delegate who represented this Province at the Immigration Conference held at Ottawa, last summer, together with the Report of the said Delegate, and all papers and correspondence touching the same, may be laid before this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all correspondence relating to the construction of a Trail from the Forks of Skeena River to Babine Lake, or to Tatlah Lake, and the claim of *J. W. Moore* in respect thereof, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—

Whether steps had been taken to reduce the Court Fees payable in the Supreme and County Courts; and if so, what are the nature of the reductions proposed?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

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The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table a Return of all correspondence connected with the construction of a Trail from Germansen Creek to the Mouth of Quesnel.

According to Order, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Tariff Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Walkem* seconding, That the Bill be now read third time.

Mr. *Ash* moved in amendment, Mr. *Robson* seconding,— That it be read third time on the 23rd instant.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. Yeas 6, Nays 17.

Original Question put and carried.

And the Bill was read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The Canada Customs Laws Adoption Act, 1872."

According to Order the Report on the School Bill was read and adopted.  
*Ordered*, That the Bill be read third time to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for Committee of Supply,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Tuesday next.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding,—

That the Tax List Enabling Bill be referred, for a Report, to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Robson*, *Smith*, *Ash*, *Booth* (*Cariboo*), *Humphreys*, *Beaven*, and *Robertson*, with power to call for persons and papers.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Officers' Security Bill was read second time, and *Ordered* to be committed forthwith.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor acquaints the Legislative Assembly that he has referred for the consideration of his Responsible Advisers, the Address to him of their Honorable House, this day received, requesting him to send down to the House a Bill increasing the Indemnity of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and asking that the sum necessary to meet that requirement be placed on the Estimates.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
14th March, 1872.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Friday, 15th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the following Bill, and have agreed to report the same without amendment:—

A Bill to confirm *John Robertson Stewart* in the possession of certain lands at *Quatsino*, and for other purposes.

Mr. *Robson* moved, That the said Bill be read second time on Monday next.  
*Ordered* accordingly.

Mr. *Cogan* moved, Mr. *Smithe* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to recommend to the Government of Canada, that a weekly Mail Service be established between *Peat's Hotel*, *Metchosin*, *Happy Valley*, and *Sooke*.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will urge upon the Dominion Government the importance of establishing Telegraphic communication between *Victoria* and *Nanaimo*, with a view to extending the same across the Gulf of *Georgia*, by means of a submarine cable, so as to connect with the Telegraphic system of the Mainland.

The House then adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

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Monday, 18th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Smithe* presented the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cowichan*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to move the Dominion Government that a Mail Service, twice a week, may be established between *Victoria* and *North and South Saanich*; also the District of *Lake*, in *Victoria District*.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) asked leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the 26th Section of the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Cogan* asked leave to bring in Wild Animal Destruction Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Armstrong* asked leave to bring in Fence Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.  
Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday, the 26th instant.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the correspondence respecting the cutting out of the Trail between Quesnelmouth and Germansen Creek be read, and a Select Committee be appointed to consider the same; such Committee to be composed of Messieurs *Hunter*, *Semlin*, *Walkem*, *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Armstrong*, and *Smith*.

Mr. *Semlin* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, requesting that a Return of the amount of per centage on the value of the Estates of deceased persons, received since the 2nd day of June, 1870, under the General Order of that date, be printed and sent down for the information of this House.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in a Bill for the appointment of a third Judge.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Friday next.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Pawnbrokers' Licence Bill.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as being an impost on the people.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, Mr. *Humphreys* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the nature of Trades Licences collected in this Province, for the purpose of equalizing the same; the Committee to consist of Messieurs *Beaven*, *Smith*, *Smithe*, *Mara*, *Duck*.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—How much it is estimated it will cost to make a graded Road from Goldstream to Sayward's Mill, Cowichan, by way of Saanich Arm.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the table, Returns of Revenue and Expenditure, since 20th July, 1871, and Returns of Intestate and Lunatic Estates.\*

On the Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the School Bill,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the Report on the Officers Security Bill,  
*Ordered* to be postponed till Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Breeding Stock Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with certain Amendments.

Report to be received to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day,

The Waggon Tire Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for this day week.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Lien Law Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*), Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution for the consideration of the House:—

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That the Lien Law Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Duck, Robertson, Robson, Robinson, and Armstrong*, with instructions to ascertain whether this House has jurisdiction, and whether it would not conflict with the prosperity of this Province.

Report adopted.

Pursuant to Order, the Justices of the Peace Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Officers' Titles Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Naval and Military Settlers' Amendment Bill.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment,—

That the Bill be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

Bill read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with slight Amendments.

*Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.15 p.m.

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Tuesday, 19th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the School Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Public School Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Officers' Titles Bill was brought up.

*Ordered* to be adopted, and that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Executive Officers' Denomination Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Justices of the Peace Bill was considered.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Appointment of Justices and Coroners Act, 1872."

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Naval and Military Settlers' Bill.

*Ordered* to be deferred till Thursday.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor forwards herewith, for the information of the House of Assembly, a copy of the Report of the Commission appointed to enquire into



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the condition of the Gaol at New Westminster, in pursuance of an Address of the House of Assembly, dated 26th February, 1872.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
*Victoria, 19th March, 1872.*

According to Order the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to the use of Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered this day week.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Wednesday, 20th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem*, from the Select Committee on Standing Orders and Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill for supplying Victoria with Water, and have agreed to report the same without any Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will move the Dominion Government to take such steps as shall be necessary to clear out the log piles in Cowichan River.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding —

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he may be pleased to recommend to the Dominion Government, the wise policy that American pack-trains may be allowed to enter British Columbia, under the same conditions that the American Custom House enacts; and that all British Columbia pack-trains passing over to American Territory, for supplies, and returning within ninety days from the date of their departure, will be excused from Dominion Customs duty on all those animals.

Motion withdrawn by leave.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that he will be pleased to instruct the High Sheriff to summon, in due course, all persons liable to serve on juries, irrespective of color.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 5, *Nays* 13.  
And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows :—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

*Beaven,*                      *Ash,*                      *Booth, (Cowichan),*      *Smithe.—5.*  
*Robson,*

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

*Robertson,*              *Todd,*                      *Semlin,*                      *Armstrong,*  
*McCreight,*              *Robinson,*              *Mara,*                      *Booth, (Cariboo),*  
*Holbrook,*              *Smith,*                      *Hughes,*                      *Duck.—13.*  
*Walkem,*

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Breeding Stock Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered,* That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved,* That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Breeding Stock Act, 1872."

According to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

## (IN THE COMMITTEE.)

3. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries of the Printing Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

4. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Audit Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

5. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Treasury Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

6. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Lands and Works Department.

7. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Registrar-General of Titles.

8. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Attorney-General's Department.

9. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Executive Council.

10. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

11. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and eighty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Administration of Justice.

12. *Resolved,* That a sum not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the High Sheriff.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered,* That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

Thursday, 21st March, 1872.

2 o'clock, P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table the following Returns to Addresses:—

Copies of correspondence in reference to Immigration Conference, at Ottawa:

Copies of correspondence relative to the construction of a Trail to Tatlah Lake, and J. W. *Moore's* claim in connection therewith:

Copies of correspondence in reference to Real Estate Tax.

*Ordered*, That the Immigration Return be printed.\*

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report of the Committee of the Whole House on the Naval and Military Settlers' Bill was adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That the Bill be now read third time.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Booth (Cariboo)* seconding,—

That the said Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost, on a division. Yeas 10, Nays 12.

So the Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Military and Naval Settlers' Act Amendment Act, 1872."

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Police and Gaols, at Victoria.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, New Westminster.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries connected with the Department of Police and Gaols, at Kootenay and Columbia.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, at Cariboo.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, at Omineca.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, in the Hope, Yale, and Lytton District.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in the Lillooet and Clinton District.

\* See Sessional Papers, No. 4.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in Nanaimo, Comox, Salt Spring Island, and Cowichan Districts.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries and expenses of the Assay Department.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Mrs. Ogilvy's pension for year ending 1872.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Administration of Justice, exclusive of Establishments.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, for Charitable purposes.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Immigration.

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and discuss the subject of Immigration, and that no expenditure on account of this grant be made unless such Committee recommend the same, and such recommendation be adopted by the House. Committee: Messieurs *Robson, Duck, Beaven, Armstrong, and Robinson*, with power to send for persons and papers, and instructions to report as soon as possible.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he had been directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House do, to-morrow, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Friday, 22nd March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Legitimacy Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on the 25th Instant.

According to Order the Quatsino Land Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Wednesday next.

According to Order the Puisne Judge Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

According to Order the House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses connected with Education.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses connected with keep of Prisoners and other Police Expenditure.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Rents.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Transport.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the completion of Nanaimo Gaol, and constructing Court House, at New Westminster.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, Victoria.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, New Westminster.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Repairs of Public Buildings, and of Surveys.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Resolved*, That this House do, on Monday, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table a Return of the amount of Probate and Intestate Fees.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Monday, 25th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that a Return of all moneys received as Fees, during the years 1870 and 1871, by the Registrars of the Supreme Court, both Mainland and Island, for their own use, be sent down to this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that all Reports and Correspondence relating to the condition of the Victoria Hospital, be presented to this House.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Can several parties pre-empting land in one block, who, for the purposes of convenience and safety, reside only on one Pre-emption Claim, but whose labours and improvement on such land extend throughout the several claims, retain possession thereof, according to the laws applicable thereto?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Semlin* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—What action has been taken with regard to the County Court Fees of this Province?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Hunter* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—What is the legal standing in this Province of the Kurtz and Lane Mining Company, or of any other Company formed in a Foreign Country, for the purpose of mining in British Columbia?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Ash*, Chairman of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the charges made by Mr. *Humphreys*, Member for *Lillooet*, that certain men, whose names shall be ascertained, employed on the Waggon Roads in the upper country, have been paid for work which they have never done, and have defrauded the Government, with power to call for persons and papers, reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report with regard to the first charge,—

That your Committee find that the said charge has not been proved, but beg leave to say that Mr. *Humphreys* has stated that there are witnesses residing near Clinton who could substantiate it, but your Committee do not deem it advisable to send for them.

2. With regard to Mr. *Spence*, your Committee has had satisfactory evidence that Mr. *Thomas Spence* is a trustworthy employe of the Government.

On the question of the Report being adopted being put, the House divided.  
*Yeas* 11, *Nays* 11.

And the names having been called for, they were taken down as follows:—

**YEAS :**

**Messieurs**

<i>Robertson,</i>	<i>Holbrook,</i>	<i>Smith,</i>	<i>Booth (Cowichan),</i>
<i>McCreight,</i>	<i>Todd,</i>	<i>Robson,</i>	<i>Smilhe.—11.</i>
<i>Walkem,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Booth (Cariboo),</i>	

**NAYS :**

**Messieurs**

<i>Semlin,</i>	<i>Hughes,</i>	<i>Bunster,</i>	<i>Jamieson,</i>
<i>Beaven,</i>	<i>Armstrong,</i>	<i>Humphreys,</i>	<i>Cogan.—11.</i>
<i>Mara,</i>	<i>Duck,</i>	<i>Ash,</i>	

Which being a tie vote, Mr. Speaker cast his vote in the affirmative, and the Report was adopted and Committee discharged.

On the Report of the Committee on the Officers' Security Bill being considered, The Honorable the Attorney-General moved,—

That in section 5, after word "prescribed," words "or referred to" be added :

That in section 9, add same words after "limited."

That in section 12, add same words after "prescribed."

Amendments put and carried, and Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Civil Officers' Securities Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Pastoral Lease Repeal Bill,

Bill withdrawn, by leave.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Wolf Poisoning Bill,

Mr. *Cogan* moved that the Bill be now read second time.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, in amendment, that it be read second time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and carried, after a division. *Yeas* 15, *Nays* 4.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Water Bill,

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messieurs *Duck*, *Semlin*, *Booth (Cariboo)*, *Robinson*, *Beaven*, *Holbrook*, *Booth (Cowichan)*, and *Armstrong*, with power to call for witnesses and papers, five

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to be a quorum, with instructions to enquire,—(1) Can water be brought in effectively; (2) At what cost; and such other matters as they may deem advisable.  
Amendment put and carried.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Legitimacy Bill was read second time.  
*Ordered*, to be committed on Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, laid on the Table, a Return to an Address for a Report from the Gold Commissioner of Omineca.

*Ordered* to be printed.\*

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of Supply.

IN THE COMMITTEE.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Roads and Trails.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Miscellaneous Expenditure.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Mara*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Mara* also acquainted the House, that he had been directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

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Tuesday, 26th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* presented the Petition of *Peter Eddy*.

Mr. Speaker ruled the same out of Order, as containing improper imputations on Chief Justice *Begbie*.

Mr. *Armstrong*, Chairman of a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Water Bill, and to report,—(1) If water can be brought in effectively; (2) At what cost, reported as follows:—

Your Committee are of opinion,—

1. That water can be brought into the City of Victoria effectively.
2. That the cost, according to Mr. *Tiedeman*, will be \$120,000, and the Committee think \$30,000 should be added for contingencies.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

On the motion of Mr. *Duck*,

The Water Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Thursday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire if this House has jurisdiction in the Lien Law Bill, and if it would not conflict with the prosperity of the Province, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee find that this House has power to deal with the said Bill,

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and that such a Bill, in their opinion, would not conflict with the prosperity of the Province.

Your Committee recommend to the favourable consideration of your Honorable Body the said Bill, with certain Amendments which your Committee have made thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Waggon Tire Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with several Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered on Tuesday next.

According to Order, the Fence Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

The following Resolutions from Committee of Supply, were presented by Mr. *Mara*, and having been read a first and second time, were severally adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to the use of Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries of the Printing Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Audit Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Treasury Branch of the Colonial Secretary's Department.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Lands and Works Department.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred and forty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Registrar-General of Titles.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Attorney-General's Department.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the Clerk of the Executive Council.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and eighty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Administration of Justice.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of the High Sheriff.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of the salaries connected with the Police and Gaols, at Victoria.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, New Westminster.



15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries connected with the Department of Police and Gaols, at Kootenay and Columbia.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, at Cariboo.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand four hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, at Omineca.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and twenty-four dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Department of Police and Gaols, in the Hope, Yale, and Lytton District.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in the Lillooet and Clinton District.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and eighty-two dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries of the Police and Gaols Department, in Nanaimo, Comox, Salt Spring Island, and Cowichan Districts.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salaries and expenses of the Assay Department.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and eighty-five dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Mrs. Ogilvy's pension for year ending 1872.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Administration of Justice, exclusive of Establishments.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, for Charitable purposes.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Immigration.

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and discuss the subject of Immigration, and that no expenditure on account of this grant be made unless such Committee recommend the same, and such recommendation be adopted by the House. Committee: Messieurs Robson, Duck, Beaven, Armstrong, and Robinson, with power to send for persons and papers, and instructions to report as soon as possible.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty to defray the expenses connected with Education.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses connected with keep of Prisoners and other Police Expenditure.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-four dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of Rents.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Transport.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the completion of Nanaimo Gaol and the construction of Court House at New Westminster.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, Victoria.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the maintenance of Government House, New Westminster.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with the Repair of Public Buildings, and of Surveys.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses of Roads and Trails.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray Miscellaneous Expenditure.

*Ordered*, That the House do resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means, to-morrow, in order to make good the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, entered the House, and, being seated in the Chair, assented in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

An Act respecting the Statutes.

An Act to adopt the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada.

An Act to abolish certain Road Tolls in British Columbia.

The Titles of the Acts having been read severally, His Excellency's assent was announced by the Clerk of the House, in these words;—

In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill.

Mr. *Humphreys* moved, Mr. *Jamieson* seconding,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the system of Telegraphic arrangements in this Province, and for other purposes; such Committee to consist of Messieurs *Ash*, *Jamieson*, *Booth* (*Cowichan*), *Humphreys*, *Hunter*, and *Armstrong*.

*Ordered*, That the words "and for other purposes" be omitted.

On the question as amended being put, the House divided. Yeas 6, Nays 16.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

*Semlin*,  
*Humphreys*,

*Bunster*,  
*Jamieson*,

*Cogan*,

*Duck*.—6.

NAYS:

Messieurs

*Robertson*,  
*McCreight*,  
*Holbrook*,  
*Walkem*,

*Todd*,  
*Robinson*,  
*Beaven*,  
*Hunter*,

*Smith*,  
*Mara*,  
*Hughes*,  
*Robson*,

*Armstrong*,  
*Booth*, (*Cariboo*),  
*Booth*, (*Cowichan*),  
*Ash*.—16.

So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in the following Bills:—

Qualification and Registration of Voters Amendment Bill:

Marriage Explanatory Bill:

Public Works Bill:

Election Regulation Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the said Bills be now read first time. Read severally first time accordingly.

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*Ordered* to be read severally second time on Tuesday next.

*Ordered*, That the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill be read second time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in Land Registry Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Quatsino Land Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*), Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had risen without any report.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee on the Legitimacy Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read,

The Committal of the Fence Bill was postponed till to-morrow.

And Committee of Ways and Means till Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

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Thursday, 28th March, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Robson*, from a Select Committee appointed to enquire into the subject of Immigration, reported as follows :—

Your Committee recommend,—

1. That the House do assent to the terms and conditions agreed to at Ottawa, in September, 1871.

2. That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be recommended to appoint a local Board, to be called the "Board of Immigration," with power to consider and report upon all matters concerning Immigration, and deal generally with the subject.

3. That a sum not exceeding \$4,000 be appropriated for the purpose of compiling and circulating information respecting the Province.

4. That the Government at once offer a premium for the best written pamphlet setting forth, in a concise and popular form, the advantages presented by the Province to Immigrants generally; that the manuscripts of such pamphlets be placed in the hands of the Board of Immigration so to be appointed, within one month of the date of the offer, and that said Board have power to decide upon the respective merits of those submitted, selecting the one which they may deem entitled to the premium for publication.

Report adopted and Committee discharged.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in County Courts Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Tuesday next.

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The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

*Ordered* to be read first time on Tuesday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Road Ordinance Extension Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Cogan* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—If the Tenders of the proposed Graving Dock at Esquimalt require an additional guarantee to that offered by the Government of the Dominion, is it the intention of this Government to bring down a Bill for that purpose this Session?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—If, in answer to the advertisement of the Government, in respect to a first class Dry Dock at Esquimalt, any Tenders have been supplied; and, if so, their terms, and whether it be the intention of the Government to take any steps towards the immediate construction of the said Dock?

The Honorable the Chief Commissioner replied.

According to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee on the Puisne Judge Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Puisne Judge Appointment Act, 1872."

According to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Water Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for Tuesday next.

Mr. *Robson* moved, Mr. *Beaven* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, based upon the Report from the Select Committee on Immigration.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m., till Tuesday, the 2nd April.

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Tuesday, 2nd April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) presented the Petition of the *Spring Ridge Water Co.*  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* asked leave to bring in Married Womens' Acknowledgment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday next.

Mr. *Semlin* asked leave to bring in Inheritance Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday next.

The Honorable the Attorney-General asked leave to bring in Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly. *Ordered* to be read second time on Thursday.

Mr. *Jamieson* asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—Whether or not he denies having admitted to me, on two different occasions, that he had received from me, previous to the first meeting of this House, a statement of the wants and requirements of the Lillooet District?

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* replied.

Mr. *Ash* asked the Honorable the Colonial Secretary,—Is it the intention of the Government to send to Canada for persons to fill the offices of Superintendent of Education and Warden of Victoria Gaol?

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* replied.

Mr. *Jamieson* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—What course the Government intend to pursue with regard to a Ferry at Lillooet?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Is it the intention of the Government to institute a Survey between Gold Stream and Sayward's Mill, by way of Saanich Arm, with a view of ascertaining the feasibility and cost of constructing a graded Road to Cowichan?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

Mr. *Smithe* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Is it the intention of the Government to bring down to this House any Supplementary Estimates; and, if so, is it the purpose of the Government to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to bridge the Cowichan River?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Duck* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether it is the intention of the Government to take any steps to provide for a Public Cemetery in the vicinity of the City of Victoria?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—  
JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates for the service of the year ending 31st December, 1871, and for the further service of 1872; and recommends the same to the Legislative Assembly.\*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
2nd April, 1872.

*Ordered*, That the Supplementary Estimates be referred to Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Beaven* presented Probate Bill.

*Ordered* to be read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

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\* See Sessional Papers, No. 6.

Mr *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Municipal Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and the Bill now read first time.

Read first time accordingly, and *Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Legitimacy Bill was considered and adopted.

Mr. *Beaven* moved,—

That the Bill be now read third time.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, in amendment,—

That the said Bill be read third time this day Six Months.

Amendment put and lost.

So the Bill was read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Legitimacy Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Waggon Tire Bill was brought up.

On the question of the adoption of the Report being put, the House divided.

*Yeas* 8, *Nays* 13.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

*YEAS:*

Messieurs

*McCreight,*  
*Walkem,*

*Holbrook,*  
*Humphreys,*

*Bunster,*  
*Booth (Cowichan),*

*Ash,*  
*Cogan.*—8.

*NAYS:*

Messieurs

*Robertson,*  
*Todd,*  
*Beaven,*  
*Semlin,*

*Robson,*  
*Hunter,*  
*Smith,*

*Hughes,*  
*Duck,*  
*Booth (Cariboo),*

*Smithe,*  
*Jamieson,*  
*Robinson.*—13.

So it passed in the negative, and the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the Lien Law Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had risen without a Report.

So the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Marriages Explanatory Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Marriage Ordinance Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Election Regulation Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Election Regulation Act (1871) Amendment Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Public Works Bill,

*Ordered* to be postponed till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Lunacy Jurisdiction Bill was read second time and committed.

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On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Land Registry Amendment Bill,  
Bill withdrawn by leave.

Pursuant to Order, the County Court Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

Report received, and *Ordered* to be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means,

*Ordered* to be deferred till Friday.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Water Bill, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) moved, That the Bill be committed this day Six Months. Motion subsequently withdrawn by leave.

The House resolved itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had ruled an Amendment out of Order, as being contrary to the "British North America Act," such Amendment making the expenditure proposed in the Water Bill a direct charge on the Revenue, such expenditure not having been recommended by the Lieutenant-Governor, and that the Committee had appealed against his decision to the House, and asked leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker supported the Chairman, and decided the Amendment to be out of Order.

House again in Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Robinson*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

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Wednesday, 3rd April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Consolidated Revenue Fund for British Columbia," with regard to which he calls the attention of the Assembly to the fact that Section 3 of the Bill is not in conformity with Section 54 of the "British North America Act," which, by virtue of Section 90 of the said Act, extends and applies to the Legislative Assembly of this Province. He, therefore, suggests that the said 3rd Section should either be struck out, or be so amended as to conform to the "British North America Act" in this respect.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,  
Victoria, 3rd April, 1872.

*Ordered, That the House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the Amendments proposed by His Excellency to the Consolidated Fund Bill.*

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution :—

*That this House doth assent to the Amendments proposed by His Excellency to the said Bill.*

Question put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, which was read as follows :—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly, for reconsideration, a Bill intituled "An Act further to amend the 'Road Ordinance, 1869,'" and suggests to the Assembly the propriety of striking out Section 3 of the said Bill, as it purports to postpone the period for holding the sittings of the Court of Appeal, which have already been held in conformity with the said amended "Road Ordinance, 1869."

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS,  
Victoria, 3rd April, 1871.

*Ordered to be considered in Committee to-morrow.*

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, from the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the Tax Sale Relief Bill, brought up a Report, which was read as follows :—

Your Committee appointed (without instructions) to report upon a Bill intituled "An Act to carry into effect the recommendations of the Commission on the 'Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance (1867) Amendment Act,' and to give relief in certain cases not appointed by the Commissioners," have the honor to report that they have examined the said Bill, and now recommend the same, with the Amendments your Committee have made thereto, to the favorable consideration of your Honorable House.

Report adopted.

*Ordered, That the Bill be committed to-morrow.*

Mr. *Booth* (*Cariboo*) asked leave to bring in Land Clauses Amendment Bill.

*Ordered, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.*

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered to be read second time to-morrow.*

Mr. *Ash* moved, Mr. *Booth* (*Cowichan*) seconding,—

That this House is of opinion that all Crown Lands situate to the south of the City of Victoria, between Beacon Hill and the mouth of Victoria Harbour, should be reserved and set apart as a portion of the adjacent Public Park.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved in amendment, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding,—

That all words after "Harbour" be erased, and the following substituted : "should be set apart for the purposes of a Public Cemetery."

On the question being put, That the words proposed to be struck out do stand part of the question, the House divided. Yeas 9, Nays 10.

So it passed in the negative, and the words were struck out.

The debate was then adjourned till to-morrow.

Mr. *Bunster* moved, That the question of bringing in a Bill to tax Hawkers and Pedlers be referred, to-morrow, to a Committee of the Whole House.

*Ordered accordingly.*



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Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Lunacy Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Lunacy Jurisdiction Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the County Court Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "The County Court Judges Appointment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Public Works Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Friday.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee of Supply.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

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Thursday, 4th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Ash* presented the Petition of *W. J. Macdonald*.  
Read and *Ordered* to lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, the Honorable Mr. *Robertson* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That this House is of opinion that the Court Fees in this Province, taken in the Supreme and County Courts, should be reduced to the same scale as the Fees taken in the corresponding Courts in England.

Mr. *Hughes* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—If there is now in existence a Pilot Board; if so, of whom does it consist? If not, to whom is the Master of a Vessel, feeling aggrieved, to apply to for redress?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Beaven* asked leave to bring in Game Amendment Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

The following Resolutions from Committee of Supply, were presented by Mr. *Smithe*, and having been read a first and second time, were severally adopted:—

*Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding fifty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seven cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenditure incurred in the year 1871, beyond the votes of that year.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding One thousand and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenses connected with Legislation.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the salary of Constable at Burrard Inlet.

*Resolved*, That a further sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expenditure on Roads, Streets, and Bridges.

*Ordered* to be referred to Committee of Ways and Means.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into Committee to consider the Amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Road Amendment Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be respectfully acquainted that this House concurs in the amendment proposed by His Excellency to the Road Amendment Bill.

Question put and carried.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had decided on a point of Order referred to him in Committee. That if an Amendment were offered to repeal or alter the 38th Section of the Constitution Act in Committee on the present Bill, he should rule the same out of Order, as not being within the scope of the preamble of the Bill under consideration, and in opposition to the 54th Section of the "British North America Act;" that he was directed to obtain the opinion of Mr. Speaker on the point of Order, and to ask leave to sit again.

Mr. Speaker deferred his decision till to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to sit again.

The House went again into Committee on the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan* reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this House that a Supreme Court should be held semi-annually, and a County Court monthly, at Lytton.

Mr. *Smithe*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for taxing Wild Lands, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee, appointed to draft a Bill to tax certain Wild Lands in the Province of British Columbia, and report, beg leave to report as follows:—

Your Committee have on several occasions met and consulted, and they have, in accordance with their instructions, drafted a Bill to tax Wild Lands, which Bill is herewith presented to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted, and the Bill referred to-morrow to a Committee of the Whole House.

Pursuant to Order, the House took into consideration the Tender for constructing a Graving Dock at Esquimalt.

Mr. *Smith* moved, Mr. *Hughes* seconding,—

That the action of the Government with regard to the Tender now before the House, for the construction of the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, is satisfactory to this House.

Mr. *Ash* moved, in amendment, Mr. *Bunster* seconding,—

That the Government be authorized to accept the Tender made for the construction of the Dock at Esquimalt.

Amendment put and lost.

Mr. *Smith's* motion withdrawn, by leave.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Robinson* seconding,—

That it is not desirable that the Tender for the construction of the Graving

Dock at Esquimalt, now laid before this House, should be accepted, and this House is of opinion that it is advisable that further information on the subject be obtained and further Tenders be invited.

On the question being put the House divided. *Yeas* 18, *Nays* 2.

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

The Honorable the Attorney-General moved, and it was carried *nem. con.*,—

That leave be granted to bring in Courts Circuit Bill.

Bill presented and read first time.

*Ordered, nem. con.*, to be read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Humphreys*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without any Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be adopted and the Bill now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Circuit Courts Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Humphreys*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Married Women's Acknowledgment Bill,

*Ordered*, That the rest of the Order of the Day be postponed till to-morrow, in order to read second time the Qualification and Registration of Voters Bill.

Bill read second time and committed.

And the House having continued to sit until after 12, on Friday morning,—

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On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-day.

The House then adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Friday, 5th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker rendered his decision on a point of Order, which arose yesterday. In Committee on a Bill, Amendments must be relevant to the subject matter of the Bill. Before the House, irrelevant clauses are admissible, but rarely tolerated.

Mr. *Jamieson* moved, Mr. *Ash* seconding,—

That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the conduct of the two Members for Lillooet, with respect to the information given by them to the Government, regarding the wants and requirements of the said District. Committee to consist of Messieurs *McCreight*, *Walkem*, *Semlin*, *Robson*, *Ash*, and *Booth* (*Cowichan*.)

Mr. *Beaven* moved in amendment, Mr. *Hunter* seconding,—

That, in the opinion of this House, the action of the Members for Lillooet, with respect to giving information to the Government, in regard to the wants of that District, was all that could be done under any circumstances, and all that was necessary.

Amendment put and lost.

On the Original Question being put the House divided. Yeas 8, Nays 14.  
So it passed in the negative and the Resolution was lost.

Mr. Ash moved, the Honorable Mr. Walkem seconding,—

That the papers relating to the Trails and Roads from Skeena to Omineca be read.

Mr. Robson moved, in amendment, That the following words be added: “and that a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the whole question, and report upon the same, with power to send for persons and papers. Committee to consist of Messieurs Walkem, Hunter, Robson, Bunster, and Beaven.”

Mr. Armstrong moved, in amendment, That the Bridge commonly known as Spence's Bridge, be considered at the same time.

Mr. Armstrong's Amendment put and lost.

Mr. Robson's Amendment put and carried.

Original Question, as amended, put and carried, and it was Resolved accordingly.

Mr. Ash moved, Mr. Robson seconding, and it was

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, it is the duty of the Executive Council, in the matter of appointments to Public Offices, to advise the Governor to appoint fit and proper persons, if such there be, from among the actual residents within this Province.

The Honorable Mr. Walkem asked leave to bring in a Bill to make provision for the Registration in British Columbia of certain Foreign Companies.

Leave granted and Bill read first time.

Ordered to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Births, Deaths, and Marriages Registration Bill was considered and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the “Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages Act, 1872.”

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Constitution Schedule Amendment Bill was considered and adopted.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was Resolved, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be “The Act to amend the Schedule of the Constitution Act, 1871.”

On the Order of the Day being read for considering the Report on the Public Works Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed.

The House went again into Committee on the said Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. Hughes, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with further Amendments.

Ordered, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Qualification and Registration of Voters Bill,

Mr. Robson moved the following Amendment to Section 10:—

That all words after “subject,” in the fourth line, down to the word “having,” in the sixth line, be omitted.

Whereupon a debate arose; which having terminated, the House divided. Yeas 12, Nays 9.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

## YEAS:

## Messieurs

*Hunter,  
Robinson,  
Smith,*

*Robson,  
Hughes,  
Armstrong,*

*Booth, (Cariboo),  
Humphreys,  
Bunster,*

*Semlin,  
Cogan,  
Duck.—12.*

## NAYS:

## Messieurs

*Robertson,  
McCreight,  
Holbrook,*

*Walkem,  
Todd,*

*Beaven,  
Booth, (Cowichan),*

*Smithe,  
Ash.—9.*

So the Amendment was carried.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, That all words in Section 10, line 7, from "who shall" to "respectively shall," in line 24, and from "Provided," in line 26, to "mentioned," in line 32, and from "Provided," in line 37, to "this Act," in line 45, be struck out.

Amendment put and carried.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved, That in Section 12, Notice No 8, all words after "District of" be erased to end of Notice, and the following substituted: "in virtue of my being a natural-born (or naturalized) British Subject, as the case may be, of the full age of twenty-one years, and not disqualified by any law in force in this Province."

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. *Robson* moved, That Section 13 be struck out.

Section 13 struck out accordingly.

Mr. *Robson* moved the following as a new Clause:—

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to, or include, or apply to Chinese or Indians."

Question put and Clause added.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into Committee of Ways and Means.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolutions:—

*Resolved*, That in order to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the year ending 31st December, 1872, the sum of Four hundred and twenty-two thousand three hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

*Resolved*, That in order to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, for the service of the year ending 31st December, 1871, beyond the votes of that year, the sum of Fifty-nine thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seven cents be granted to Her Majesty, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of British Columbia.

Read first and second times and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to the Honorable the Attorney-General to bring in Supply Bill.

Bill read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee to consider a Tax on Hawkers and Pedlers.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Cogan*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the following Resolution:—

That, in the opinion of this House, it is advisable to tax Hawkers and Pedlers

at a rate of \$            per annum, and that a Bill should be introduced for that purpose, and that the impost should only apply to Vancouver Island.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Game Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

*Ordered* to be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Game Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the House went into Committee to consider the propriety of the Wild Land Tax Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to obtain the decision of the Speaker as to whether a Tax could originate otherwise than in Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Speaker decided that a Tax might originate in a Committee appointed to consider the same.

The House went again into Committee.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported a Resolution.

*Ordered* to be received to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Married Womens' Acknowledgment Bill,

The Order dropped.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Inheritance Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, without Amendment.

Bill read third time, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be the "Inheritance Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smithe*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 12, midnight.

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Saturday, 6th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. *Beaven* moved, Mr. *Robson* seconded, and it was

*Resolved, nem. con.*, That in the opinion of this House, in order to facilitate the construction of a Dry Dock at Esquimalt, the Government should take the earliest opportunity to select a site, and make the necessary borings, and settle the dimensions, prepare the necessary plans and specifications, and advertise for tenders for construction of said Dock, giving the fullest information possible on the subject.

Mr. *Robson* asked leave to introduce a Bill to amend "The Constitution Act, 1871."

*Ordered*, That leave be granted and Bill now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Bunster* asked leave to bring in Dower Bill.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted, and that the Bill be now read first time.

Bill read first time accordingly.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Mr. *Beaven* asked the Honorable the Attorney-General,—Whether the report that a Mr. Pinder, lately arrived in this Province, has received, or is to receive, the appointment of Private Secretary to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, is correct? and, if so, whether the appointment will be made by the Government of the day, or by whom?

The Honorable the Attorney-General replied.

Mr. *Bunster* asked the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works,—Whether private parties can shut up an old and established Trail that Statute labour has been done on?

The Honorable Mr. *Walkem* replied.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, a Member of the Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by His Excellency, and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, as follows:—

JOSEPH W. TRUTCH.

The Lieutenant-Governor returns to the Legislative Assembly a Bill intituled "An Act respecting Public Schools," with a recommendation that that portion of Clause 4 which restricts the selection of a Superintendent to persons "who are experienced and successful Teachers of at least five years' standing, and hold a first class certificate from some College, School, or Board of Examination, in some other Province or Country where a Public School system has been in operation," be struck out.

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*Ordered*, That His Excellency's Message be considered at once in Committee.

The House resolved itself into Committee accordingly.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Smith*, Chairman of the Committee, stated that the Committee had risen without a Report.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Public Works Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Public Works Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Supply Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of Committee to consider the propriety of bringing in Hawkers' and Pedlers' Bill was read second time and adopted.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to bring in a Bill taxing Hawkers and Pedlers.

Bill read first and second times.

*Ordered* to be committed on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the propriety of taxing Wild Lands was considered and adopted as follows:—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to tax certain Wild Lands within this Province.

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*Ordered*, That leave be granted to Mr. *Walkem* to bring in Wild Land Tax Bill.

Bill introduced and read first time.

*Ordered* to be read second time on Monday next.

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported that he had been directed to appeal to the House on the following point of Order, and to ask leave to sit again :—

Yesterday, in Committee on the Tax Sale Relief Bill, the following Clause, viz. : “That all Government Taxes, &c., now supposed to be due, be and are hereby cancelled up to 21st July, 1871,” was ruled out of Order by the then Chairman, for the following reasons :—That the sums to be obtained from the Taxes proposed to be remitted have already been voted in Committee of Ways and Means, to make good the supply granted to Her Majesty, and could not be diverted without a recommendation by Message from the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker supported the Chairman’s decision, and leave was granted to sit again.

The House went again into Committee on the Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes* reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered on Monday.

Pursuant to Order of the Day, the Land Clauses Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with certain Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received on Monday.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Ogden Point Land Question was resumed.

After some debate, the question was again adjourned till Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

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Monday, 8th April, 1872.

2 O’CLOCK, P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Land Clauses Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the “Land Ordinance Amendment Act, 1872.”

On the Order of the Day being read for considering the Report on the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

*Ordered* to be deferred till to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House resolved itself into a Committee on the Supply Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.



Bill read third time, and *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1872, and for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1871, and for other purposes."

Pursuant to Order, the Constitution Amendment Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Covichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Dower Bill was read second time.

*Ordered* to be committed to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the adjourned debate on the Ogden Point Lands was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* withdrew his Amendment, by leave.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson* moved,—

That 47 acres of the Crown Lands at Ogden Point should be set apart for the purpose of providing for a Public Cemetery, as Trustees in that behalf shall think fit.

Mr. *Ash* moved, That the words "on behalf of the City of Victoria" be added after "Cemetery."

Amendment put and carried.

Mr. *Duck* moved, That the words "and for other public purposes" be added between "Cemetery" and "on behalf."

Amendment put and carried.

Question as amended put and carried, and it was

*Resolved*, That 47 acres of the Crown Lands at Ogden Point should be set apart for the purpose of providing for a Public Cemetery, and for other public purposes, on behalf of the City of Victoria, as Trustees in that behalf shall think fit.

Pursuant to Order, the Probate Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Booth (Covichan)*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the Municipalities Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted for to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 9th April, 1872.

2 o'clock, P.M.

On the Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Tax Sale Relief Bill,

Mr. *Robson* moved, That in line 6, Section 1, the word "and" be omitted, and the word "provided" substituted.

Amendment put and carried.

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*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Tax Sale List Enabling Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Constitution Amendment Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and that its title be "The Constitution Amendment Act, 1872."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Report on the Probate Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass and its title be the "Probate Duty Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Foreign Companies' Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Dower Bill,

Mr. *Bunster* moved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee on the said Bill.

On the question being put, it passed in the negative, so the Bill lapsed.

Pursuant to Order, the Wild Land Tax Bill was read second time and committed.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hunter*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete, with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Municipalities Bill.

On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported the Bill complete with Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Report be considered to-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 11.30 p.m.

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Wednesday, 10th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Foreign Companies' Registration Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Foreign Companies' Act, 1872."

On the Order being read for the consideration of the Report on the Wild Land Tax Bill,

The Honorable Mr. *McCreight* moved, That in Section 1, sub-section (a), words be added as follows: "and any land hereafter to be appropriated under the 11th Section of the Terms of Union with Canada."

Amendment ruled out of Order by Mr. Speaker, in consequence of notice not having been given.

The Report was then adopted, and it was *Ordered*, that the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be "The Land Tax Act, 1872."

Pursuant to Order, the Report on the Municipalities Bill was considered and adopted.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read third time.

Bill read third time accordingly, and it was *Resolved*, That this Bill do pass, and that its title be the "Municipality Act, 1872."

On the Order of the Day being read for the House to go into Committee on the Fence Bill,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

On the Order of the Day being read for the committal of the Hawkers' and Pedlers' Bill,

*Ordered*, That leave be granted to withdraw the same.

Bill withdrawn accordingly.

Mr. Robson, from a Select Committee appointed to consider the question of the Skeena Roads and Trails, brought up a Report as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report as follows:—

1. With the evidence before it, your Committee find it impossible to arrive at any definite and final conclusion.

2. Your Committee find that a considerable sum of money has been expended in good faith in the construction of the Trail in question.

3. The Tolls upon the Trunk Road having been abolished, your Committee deem it unadvisable that Tolls should be imposed on the Skeena Trail, and it is hoped that the Executive may be enabled to effect a compromise with the Contractor, which will enable the Trail in question to be thrown open to all.

Mr. Booth moved, Mr. Armstrong seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and laid on the Table, and the Committee discharged.

Mr. Robson moved, Mr. Smith seconding,—

That the Report of the Select Committee on the Skeena Trails be transmitted to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Speaker ruled the question out of Order, as being an Address for an appropriation.

An appeal having been made against the decision of the Speaker.

And on the question being put "Does this House support the Chair?" the House divided. Yeas 9, Nays 12.

So it passed in the negative.

On the Resolution being subsequently put, the House again divided. Yeas 14, Nays 8.

And the names being called for, they were taken down as follows:—

#### YEAS:

#### Messieurs

Beaven,  
Hunter,  
Robinson,  
Smith,

Robson,  
Mara,  
Hughes,  
Duck,

Bunster,  
Humphreys,  
Booth (Cariboo),

Ash,  
Jamieson,  
Cogan.—14.

## NAYS :

## Messieurs

*Robertson,  
McCreight,*

*Walkem,  
Todd,*

*Armstrong,  
Booth (Cowichan),*

*Smithe,  
Semlin.—8.*

So it was carried in the affirmative and *Resolved* accordingly.

Pursuant to Order, the House went again into Committee on the Water Bill. On Mr. Speaker resuming the Chair, Mr. *Hughes*, Chairman of the Committee, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That leave be granted.

Mr. *Smithe* moved, Mr. *Cogan* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor be requested to make use of the sum of \$7,000 appropriated for the purpose of bringing Water into the City of Victoria, or as much of it as may be required, to make proper surveys and to prepare plans and specifications, of the best source from which a good supply may be obtained, in order that at the next meeting of the House the question may be dealt with intelligently.

The House then adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

Thursday, 11th April, 1872.

2 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. *Armstrong* moved, Mr. *McCreight* seconding, and it was

*Resolved*, That the Government furnish each Member of the House with five copies of the Acts passed at this Session, as soon as convenient, for distribution in the several Districts.

His Excellency *Joseph William Trutch*, Lieutenant-Governor, having entered the House of Assembly, and, being seated in the Chair, assented, in Her Majesty's name, to the following Bills:—

An Act to define the Privileges, Immunities, and Powers of the Legislative Assembly, and to give summary protection to persons employed in the publication of Sessional Papers.

An Act to provide for Oaths to Witnesses being administered in certain cases, for the purposes of the Legislative Assembly.

An Act to establish a Consolidated Revenue Fund for the Province of British Columbia.

An Act to further amend the "Road Ordinance, 1869."

An Act for continuing the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in case of the Demise of the Crown.

An Act to repeal "The Civil List Act, 1871."

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Notaries Public.

An Act to amend the manner of taking the Verdict of a Jury in Civil Cases.

An Act to make provision for Inquiries concerning Public Matters.

An Act to enable the Lieutenant-Governor to appoint Justices of the Peace and Coroners.

An Act to amend "The Gold Mining Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to define and explain the designation of the Officer described as the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and to alter and define the designation of the Colonial Secretary as mentioned in "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act respecting Public Schools.

An Act respecting Breeding Stock.

An Act respecting Security to be given by Officers of British Columbia.

An Act to amend and explain the "Marriage Ordinance, 1867."

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act, 1871."

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the "Game Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia,

An Act to remove doubts as to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and of the Judges thereof, over the persons and estates of Idiots and Lunatics.

An Act respecting the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages in British Columbia.

An Act to amend the Schedule of "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act respecting Public and other Works in British Columbia.

An Act to alter and amend the course of descent of Real Estate.

An Act to make provision for the better administration of Justice in British Columbia.

An Act to alter and amend "The Constitution Act, 1871."

An Act to amend the "Land Ordinance, 1870."

An Act to carry into effect the recommendations of the Commission on "The Tax Sale Repeal Ordinance (1867) Amendment Act," and to give relief in certain cases not appointed by the Commissioners.

An Act respecting Probate and Administration Duty.

An Act respecting Municipalities.

An Act to make provision for the Registration in British Columbia of certain Foreign Companies.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly signified His Excellency's assent, in the following words, after reading the title of each Bill:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to this Bill."

To the following Bills His Excellency's assent was reserved:—

An Act to amend "The Naval and Military Settlers' Act, 1863."

An Act to impose a Wild Land Tax.

An Act to amend "The Qualification and Registration of Voters Act, 1871."

An Act to render legitimate, children born out of lawful wedlock, whose parents now are or may hereafter, under certain restrictions, be married.

The Clerk signifying the same as follows, after reading the title of each Bill:—

"His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor reserves his assent to this Bill, until the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada has been signified in respect thereto."

Then, the Honorable the Speaker addressed His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor as follows:—

**MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:**

We, Her Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Session assembled, approach Your Excellency, at the close of our labours, with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to Her Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Excellency's acceptance, a Bill intituled "An Act for granting certain Sums of Money required for defraying the Expenses of Civil Government for the year 1872, and for making good certain sums expended for the Public Service in 1871, and for other purposes."

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To this Bill, the Clerk of the House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say:—

“In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

Then, His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

The state of public business now enables me to release you from further attendance in this Assembly.

I desire to express my acknowledgments for the careful attention which you have bestowed upon the several measures suggested for your consideration, and I am persuaded that those to which I have assented will contribute to promote the best interests of the Province.

I thank you for the supplies granted for the service of the year, and I feel confident that the appropriations made by you in aid of public works will greatly conduce to the advancement of the general interests of the Province.

At the opening of the Session, I adverted to the fact that British Columbia had sought Legislative success in the adoption of a single Chamber, and reminded you that your responsibility was thus proportionately increased. It is, therefore, with very great pleasure that I now congratulate you on the wisdom and prudence which have guided your deliberations, and which afford the best assurance that under our new Constitution, the utmost expectations of our people will be realized.

The Honorable Mr. *Robertson*, Provincial Secretary, then said,—

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly.*

It is His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued until Wednesday, the Twelfth day of June next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday, the Twelfth day of June next.

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## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th February, 1872, praying that a copy of all correspondence between the Government of British Columbia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, respecting a Modification of the Tariff, be laid before this House.

25th February, 1872.

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

(TELEGRAM.)

25th January, 1871.

To Lord Lisgar.

Legislature, by Resolution, request me to seek consent of your Government to alteration of our existing Tariff, during this Session, by reducing duty on Spirits to Canadian rate—eighty cents, on Flour to seventy-five cents per barrel, on Wheat to ten cents per bushel, so as to enter Union with British Columbia Tariff so altered. Aggregate Revenue would not be less than under Canadian Tariff. I recommend assent. Telegraph reply.

(Signed) A. MUSGRAVE.

(TELEGRAM.)

1st February, 1871.

To Governor Musgrave.

The Terms of Union are in nature of a Treaty. They have been extensively published in Canada, and accepted by British Columbia. The Canadian Government therefore think they have no right to alter those Terms. After acceptance by Canada, Parliament may, in its discretion, modify the Tariff, on the request of British Columbia. I have no doubt that Parliament will consider any proposition made by you, with a desire to meet your views as much as it properly can.

(Signed) LISGAR.

Governor Musgrave to Lord Lisgar.

Government House, British Columbia,  
10th February, 1871.

MY LORD,—I had the honor to receive, on the 2nd instant, Your Lordship's Telegram, dated on the previous day, in answer to mine of the 25th January, conveying a request of the Legislative Council respecting a proposed modification of the British Columbia Tariff.

2. I now forward to Your Lordship another Resolution of the Council upon the subject. Mr. Trutch, the Delegate from this Government, now proceeding to Ottawa, will be instructed to furnish all necessary information; and I have no doubt that your Government will endeavour to meet the views of the Legislature of this Colony as far as it properly can. I have, &c.

(Signed) A. MUSGRAVE.

The Right Honorable  
The Lord Lisgar, G. C. B.,  
&c., &c., &c.

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*Lord Lisgar to Governor Musgrave.*

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CANADA.

Government House,  
Ottawa, May 2nd, 1871.

SIR,—With reference to your two Despatches, No. 41, of February 10th, 1871, and No. 9, of March 10th, 1871, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a Report of the Privy Council of the Dominion, which embodies the views of the Government on the proposed modification of the Tariff of British Columbia.

2. In compliance with the request contained at the end of your Despatch of March 10th, I have duly forwarded a copy of this Minute to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. I have, &c.

(Signed) LISGAR.

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*Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General on the 26th day of April, 1871.*

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The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed Report, dated 24th April, 1871, from the Honorable the Minister of Finance, on the Despatches from Governor Musgrave to Your Excellency, No. 41, of the 10th February, and No. 9 of the 10th March, 1871, respecting the proposed reduction of duty, in British Columbia, on Spirits and Wheat, and the repeal of a temporary Act imposing a duty of half a dollar a gallon on Spirits, and they report their concurrence in the view expressed by the Finance Minister in his said Report, and submit the same for Your Excellency's approval.

(Certified) WM. H. LEE,  
Clerk Privy Council, Canada.

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*Copy of a Report of the Finance Minister.*

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The undersigned has the honor to make the following Report on the Despatches from Governor Musgrave to Your Excellency, No. 41, of the 10th February, and No. 9, of the 10th March, 1871. In the first of these Despatches Governor Musgrave transmits a Resolution of the Legislative Council of British Columbia, recommending a reduction of the duty on Spirits from \$2 to 80 cents per gallon, a reduction of duty on Wheat to 10 cents a bushel, and on Flour to 75 cents a barrel.

In the opinion of the undersigned it is not expedient that the Government of the Dominion should come to any conclusion as to the proposed modification of the Tariff of British Columbia, until after the establishment of the new Constitution. Should the new Legislature concur in the recommendations of the Legislative Council, the Dominion Parliament would, in the opinion of the undersigned, be inclined to consider them favourably.

In his Despatch of the 10th March, Governor Musgrave transmits to Your Excellency the copy of an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia repealing a duty of half a dollar a gallon on Spirits, which was imposed by a special Act for temporary purposes.

This Act was passed with a suspending clause, and it is desirable that the views of the Dominion Government on the subject should be conveyed to Her Majesty's Government without delay. Although Governor Musgrave clearly explains that the duty, which it is proposed to repeal, was imposed for a specific and temporary purpose, he does not state that it is in excess of the duty of \$2 per gallon which was understood to be the duty on Spirits when the Terms of Confederation were agreed to.

The undersigned has been assured by the Honorable Mr. Trutch, of British Columbia, that the duty in question is in excess of the \$2; and, if so, the undersigned is of opinion that there can be no objection on the part of the Canadian Government to its repeal.

Ottawa, April 24th, 1871.

(Signed) F. HINCKS,  
Minister of Finance.

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 26th February, for a Return shewing the amounts collected for the year 1871, under the "Licences Ordinance, 1867," and showing the amounts collected in each District of the Province, under the different designations as expressed in Schedule A. of the above mentioned Ordinance.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
6th March, 1872.*

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

A RETURN shewing the amount received in each District of the Province of British Columbia during the year 1871, under the different designations as expressed in Schedule A. of the "Licences Ordinance, 1867."

District.	Wholesale Spirit, &c.	Retail Spirit, &c.	Rural Spirit, &c.	Wholesale Trades.	Retail Trades.	Bankers.	Auctioneers.	Opium.	Packers and Waggoners.	Billiard Tables.	Dance Houses.	Barristers & Solicitors.	Drovers.	Land Agents.	TOTALS.
Victoria .....	\$ 725	9100	1650	1900	2180	800	823 61	250	82 50	120	100	150	.....	225	18106 11
New Westminster .....	125	1000	330	.....	380	.....	76 97	.....	15 00	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1966 97
Kootenay .....	.....	400	60	.....	125	.....	.....	200	35 00	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	870 00
Cariboo .....	225	5500	1560	950	800	200	79 67	600	25 00	65	100	150	.....	.....	10254 67
Omineca (to Oct) .....	25	1500	480	50	390	.....	.....	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2480 00
Yale .....	200	1500	1110	800	920	.....	51 62	300	67 50	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	5049 12
Lillooet .....	.....	.....	1110	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	10 00	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1475 00
Nanaimo .....	.....	800	30	.....	135	.....	.....	.....	10 00	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	1005 00
TOTALS .....	\$ 1300	19800	6330	3700	5280	1000	1031 87	1350	280 00	260	200	300	150	225	41206 87

*Audit Office,  
5th March, 1872.*

(Signed) THOMAS R. HOLMES.

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 11th March, 1872, praying for a Return of the Revenue and Expenditure of this Province, from the 21st July to the 31st December, 1871.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
18th March, 1872.*

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

A RETURN showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia, from 20th July to 31st December, 1871, (closely approximate).

REVENUE.		EXPENDITURE.	
Dominion Subsidies.....	\$107,000 00	Establishments .....	\$34,856 00
Roads Tolls .....	28,506 00	Pensions, &c .....	144 00
Land Sales.....	8,764 00	Revenue Services, exclusive of Estabts.....	603 00
Land Revenue.....	2,907 00	Administration of Justice Do. ....	2,787 00
Rents, exclusive of Land,.....	692 00	Charitable Allowances .....	3,939 00
Free Miners' Certificates.....	4,405 00	Education .....	2,578 00
Mining Receipts, General .....	8,252 00	Police and Gaols, exclusive of Estabts.....	9,453 00
Licenses .....	10,102 00	Rent .....	94 00
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court ....	7,319 00	Transport.....	2,912 00
Fees of Office.....	2,319 00	Works and Buildings.....	3,544 00
Sale of Government Property .....	2,216 00	Roads, Streets, and Bridges.....	21,235 00
Reimbursements in aid .....	941 00	Miscellaneous Services .....	12,215 00
Miscellaneous .....	265 00	Interest.....	2,874 00
Road Tax .....	208 00	Drawbacks and Refunds .....	412 00
Arrears of Real Estate Tax, late V. I.....	5,626 00		
Marriage Licence Fund .....	937 00		
	<u>\$190,459 00</u>		<u>\$97,646 00</u>

*Audit Office,  
18th March, 1872.*

(Signed) THOMAS R. HOLMES.

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 14th March, 1872, for copies of the Instructions to the Delegate who represented the Province of British Columbia, at the Immigration Conference held at Ottawa, last Summer, together with the Report of the said Delegate, and papers and correspondence touching the same.

21st March, 1872.

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

*The Colonial Secretary to Mr. Stahlschmidt.*

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
31st August, 1871.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lieutenant-Governor to forward to you, herewith, copy of a Report of the Honorable the Privy Council of Canada, approved by His Excellency the Administrator in Council on the 18th December, 1868, and of the covering Despatch from Lord Lisgar, in which a hope is expressed that the Province of British Columbia may be represented in the forthcoming Conference of Delegates on Immigration, to be held at Ottawa on the 13th proximo.

In pursuance of the above Despatch, and of your having consented to allow His Honor to avail himself of the opportunity afforded by your visit to Ottawa, to obtain your services in that capacity, he has appointed you Delegate for the Province of British Columbia, and hereby authorizes you to attend at the Conference in question on that behalf.

Your duties as a Delegate will be to attend the meetings regularly, to furnish all the information in your power as to the position, requirements, resources, and inducements of this Province as a field for Immigrants, and such suggestions as may offer themselves to you as best calculated to foster any scheme of Immigration that may be set on foot.

You will hear and take note of the propositions made by other Delegates, and the arguments brought forward in their support; and at the close of the Conference you will, for His Honor's information, make as full a Report as possible of the proceedings that have taken place, and the result thereof.

You are, however, not to pledge this Province in any way, pecuniarily or otherwise.

The minute alluded to in the Report is a printed document, entitled "The Second Report of the Standing Committee on Immigration and Colonization, 1869," and is one which it would be advisable for you to procure in Ottawa, as it contains much valuable information.

Any expenses you may incur through detention at Ottawa, or otherwise, on the service with which you are hereby charged, will be refunded to you on presentation here of your vouchers of receipt for the same. I have, &c.

(Signed) CHARLES GOOD,  
*Assistant Colonial Secretary.*

OTTAWA, 28th September, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, a copy of an Order of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, together with a copy of the Memorandum of the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, and of the terms of arrangement therein referred to, respecting Immigration matters between the Dominion Government and the Governments of the several Provinces, as represented at the Conference on Immigration held in this City, on the 19th, 20th, and 22nd instant.

May I request that you will have the goodness to submit these documents for the early consideration of your Government. I have, &c.

(Signed) G. POWELL,  
*for the Under Secretary of State.*

*The Hon. J. W. Trutch,  
Lieutenant-Governor, Victoria, B. C.*

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*Copy of a Report of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, on the 25th September, 1871.*

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The Committee of Council have had under consideration the annexed Memorandum, dated 23rd September, 1871, from the Honorable the Minister of Agriculture, submitting the subjoined terms of proposed arrangement in reference to Immigration matters between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, adopted at the recent Conference held by their respective representatives, subject to ratification by those Governments respectively, and recommending that the same receive the sanction of Your Excellency in Council, and be communicated, as having been so sanctioned, to the several Provincial Governments.

The Committee advise that the said terms of proposed arrangement be sanctioned, and be communicated as having been so sanctioned to the several Provincial Governments.

(Certified) W. M. H. LEE,  
Clerk Privy Council.

The undersigned has the honor to report that at the Immigration Conference lately convened for the 19th instant, and which met on that day, and was continued, by adjournment, over the 20th, 21st, and 22nd instant; the Province of Ontario was represented by the Honorable John Carling, Commissioner of Agriculture and Public Works; the Province of Quebec, by the Honorables Pierre, Jacques, Oliver, Chauveau, Provincial Secretary; the Honorable Gedeon Ouimet, Attorney-General; the Honorable George Irvine, Solicitor-General; and the Honorable Joseph Gibb Robertson, Treasurer; the Province of Nova Scotia, by the Honorables E. P. Flynn, Commissioner of Crown Lands, and William Garvie, Commissioner of Public Works; the Province of New Brunswick, by the Honorable G. F. Hathaway, Provincial Secretary; the Honorable W. M. Kelly, Commissioner of Public Works; and John Pickard, Esq., M. P.; the Province of Manitoba, by the Honorable Henry J. H. Clarke, Attorney-General; and the Province of British Columbia, by Thomas Lett Stahlschmidt, Esq.; and that the subjoined terms of proposed arrangement in reference to Immigration matters between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, were thereat unanimously adopted, subject to ratification by such Governments respectively.

The undersigned recommends, accordingly, that the same receive the sanction of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, and be communicated as having been so sanctioned to the said several Provincial Governments. The whole respectfully submitted.

(Signed) CHRISTOPHER DUNKIN,  
Minister of Agriculture

Department of Agriculture,  
Ottawa, 23rd September, 1871.

1. The Dominion Government will maintain an efficient system of Immigration Agency in the United Kingdom, on the Continent of Europe, and, if deemed requisite, elsewhere beyond Canada.

2. It will maintain efficient Quarantine Establishments at Quebec and Halifax, at St. Johns in New Brunswick, at Victoria in British Columbia, and wherever else the same may be deemed requisite.

3. It will maintain efficient Immigration Offices at Quebec, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, and Halifax, at St. Johns, New Brunswick, at Miramichi, or some other point contiguous to the line of the Intercolonial Railway in Manitoba, at Victoria in British Columbia, and wherever else the same may be deemed requisite.

4. It will maintain a liberal policy for the settlement and colonization of the Crown Lands in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

5. It will disseminate such information, with reference to the Dominion generally, and to Manitoba and the North-West Territories in particular, as may be deemed requisite for the advancement of Immigration.

6. Such grants as shall be deemed requisite, in aid of Immigration, will be asked of Parliament yearly.

7. The several Provinces will maintain an efficient system of Immigration Agency within their respective Territories, and will connect the same, as far as possible, with a liberal policy for the settlement and colonization of the uncultivated lands therein.

8. They may appoint such Immigration Agents in Europe, and elsewhere beyond Canada, as they think proper; and such Agents, on requisition to that effect, will be duly accredited by the Dominion Government.

9. Each Province will disseminate such information as it may deem requisite for the advancement of Immigration; and to that end will furnish to the Department of Agriculture, and to the Immigration Agents of the Dominion, full information as to its system of settlement and colonization; the lands assigned for free grants to settlers, if any, and the conditions of such grants; and all other information, and all documents deemed requisite for the advancement of Immigration.

10. To prevent disappointment of intending Immigrants, no Province will alter the terms of its system, as so communicated, without reasonable notice; and, if possible, the information in question will be so communicated before the Winter of each year, and will not be restrictively changed during the ensuing season of navigation.

11. Conferences of Delegates of the Dominion and Provincial Governments will be convened, from time to time, at the Office of the Minister of Agriculture, by the Governor in Council, at the request of one or more of the Provincial Governments, or without such request; and it is understood that such a Conference will be so convened for some date during each Session of Parliament.

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*Mr. Stahlschmidt to the Lieutenant-Governor.*

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OTTAWA, 23rd September, 1871.

SIR,—As Delegate for British Columbia, at a Conference held here this week, to take into consideration the question of Immigration to the Dominion, I beg to report as follows:—

The Conference met on 19th instant, and continued until the 22nd instant.

The Members consisted of the Honorables Sir J. A. Macdonald, Sir George Cartier, Sir Francis Hincks, C. Dunkin, — Morris, — Aiken, representing the Dominion;

The Honorable John Carling, representing the Province of Ontario;

The Honorables Chauveau, Oumet, Irvine, and Robertson, representing Quebec;

The Honorables Flynn and Garvie, representing Nova Scotia;

The Honorables Hathaway and Kelly, and John Pickard, Esq., M.P., representing New Brunswick;

The Honorable Clarke, representing Manitoba;

Myself, representing British Columbia.

With the exception of Mr. Pickard and myself, all the above gentlemen were Members of their respective Provincial Cabinets.

The Honorable Mr. Dunkin, Minister of Agriculture, under whose auspices the Conference had been convened, was in the Chair. The proceedings throughout were of an informal character.

In view of the depressed financial condition of New Brunswick, Mr. Hathaway urged that the Federal Government should afford material assistance to his Province, in the shape of an Immigration Subsidy; and Mr. Garvie, for Nova Scotia, took similar grounds for the same reason. These gentlemen considered that a sum of \$10,000 would be a satisfactory amount for each of their Provinces to receive.

Sir John Macdonald was not unwilling to ask Parliament for an appropriation to be generally distributed among all the Provinces, and considered that the basis of distribution should be, to some extent, that of population. It was, on the other hand, contended that the principle of distribution of an Immigration Subsidy should be paucity of population. There would appear, however, little chance of carrying the latter scheme, owing to the preponderating influence of Ontario in the Legislature. It was finally agreed that the subject of an Immigration Subsidy should be brought before Parliament, notwithstanding which, however, each Province was expected to do its utmost to foster Immigration individually, and the Dominion Government would, in the meantime, not commit itself as to the mode of distribution. Any funds contributed by the Federal Government would be under its control. Your Delegate received Sir John's assurance that the claim of British Columbia should have full consideration by the Cabinet.

New Brunswick had voted \$2,000 for Immigration last Session, and would doubtless continue a similar appropriation. Quebec was willing to continue her vote as before. Ontario had expended \$80,000 during the last three years for Immigration purposes, and

was offering special inducements in the shape of free grants of 200 acres, with from 3 to 5 acres cleared, and with a house erected thereon, to heads of families.

For the purpose of diffusing information concerning the Dominion, the Federal Government undertook to publish pamphlets for distribution in Great Britain; and it is therefore necessary for each Province to keep the Central Government generally informed. I forward, under separate cover, a copy of the hand-book for Immigrants to the United States, to furnish an approximate idea of the sort of pamphlet in contemplation. It is also intended to supplement this pamphlet by the publication of broad sheets and maps, to be distributed by arrangement with the proprietors of the *Beehive*, and such other working-man's newspaper as may be deemed advisable.

Pamphlets, &c., should be circulated in England before the 1st of January in each year.

The Protocol arranged on the 30th October, 1868, was revised, and I enclose you a rough draft of the new basis of agreement which will be officially submitted to each Provincial Government for its approval. The original of this was signed by a Delegate from each Province, and by the Minister of Agriculture. Its clauses were discussed seriatim. You will find that it applies to the altered state of the Dominion. It requires no special comment on my part.

It is intended to hold the next Conference early during the next Session of Parliament.

Some persons interested in Emigration from Great Britain were attracted to Ottawa by the notification of the Conference, among them I. Standish Haly, Esq., Honorary Secretary of the British and Colonial Emigration Fund; the Rev. Horrocks Cocks, Honorary Secretary of the National and Colonial Emigration League; Captain Heller and Mr. Stynherst, Scandinavian gentlemen.

All these gentlemen waited on the Conference to explain their views, and expressed their desire to give their aid. The last named wished to treat Immigration as a matter of business, and undertook to found a Colony of Scandinavians at \$20 a head, payable only on actual settlement, if arrangements could be made for suitable location. I enclose a special proposition for British Columbia from Rev. Mr. Cocks, to which I beg to direct your attention. I shall see Mr. Haly, at his head-quarters in England, and will gain his views more in detail.

The Government is fully aware of the necessity that exists for the establishment of a Dominion Agency in San Francisco, for forwarding Immigrants to our Province. I have pointed out that our immediate absorption of population must be slow and gradual, and that I should recommend small continuous arrivals of female servants, if possible, members of families, under whose care they would come out, farmers, miners, lumbermen, fishermen, and agricultural laborers.

I find great complaint of scarcity of female servants throughout Canada. A Miss McPherson has lately been assisting a number of London street lads out here, with, I am told, very favourable results. I called on this lady, but found she was absent.

The question of Immigration is exciting great general interest, and the idea of the Dominion Cabinet seems to be that a scheme can be devised that will be self-supporting. The Conference will, I am convinced, be productive of much good. Every Province was represented, minutely discussed, and there appeared a strong desire to work together for the general benefit of all.

Mr. Dunkin desires me to remind you of the advisability of putting the Department of Immigration under the control of a responsible officer as soon as possible, and to acquaint him of the fact, to save delay in minor matters.

I cannot conclude this Report (in which I have for obvious reasons travelled a little out of the record) without acknowledging the courtesy extended to me by the Dominion Ministers, and the gentlemen representing the various Provinces. I have, &c.

(Signed) THOS. LETT STAHLSCHMIDT.

*Mr. Stahl Schmidt to the Lieutenant-Governor.*

ST. LAWRENCE HALL, MONTREAL,  
3rd October, 1871.

SIR,—In the course of my business here, I have made enquiry as to the through rates at which Immigrants could be conveyed to British Columbia, and now enclose a statement published by the Grand Trunk Railway, advertising the through fare at



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£14 1s. 6d. I am informed by the General Ticket Agent, that for parties of 50 or 100 Immigrants, the Grand Trunk Railway would reduce their price by 8s. It would, I think, also be possible to get a further reduction for that portion of the passage between Detroit and Omaha, where competing lines of Railroad exist.

The passage across the Atlantic varies from £4 10s. to £5 5s. I am, &c.

(Signed) THOS. LETT STAHLSCHEMIDT.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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The National Colonial Emigration League is willing to act for British Columbia in the United Kingdom, in order to promote Emigration to that Colony. The authorities of British Columbia will, it is believed, do their utmost to aid Immigration, and will doubtless specify the class of Immigrants they need. The great distance from England is an obstacle, as it is attended with inconvenience and expense, but, with those and other self evident considerations, the authorities will know how effectually to deal. Free grants of good land, with the necessary conditions, will, no doubt, be granted; and when any document, having the impress of the Government, is published, the League will do its best to put it in circulation. Artizans, general labourers, domestic servants, and farmers of small capital, may be induced to settle, if moderate but sure advantages are offered to them. Domestic servants and artizans would be willing to repay, by easy instalments, a portion of the expense if advanced by private individuals or given to the Government.

Lectures on the resources of British Columbia would be useful, and the press be employed for the circulation of well digested news. The money expended for this purpose will be a capital investment.

(Signed) REV. HORROCKS COCKS,  
19, *Edwards Square*,  
*Kensington, London.*

*Ottawa, 21st September, 1871.*

## RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, for a Report from the Gold Commissioner, on the Omineca District.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
25th March, 1872.*

A. ROCKE ROBERTSON,  
*Colonial Secretary.*

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*Mr. O'Reilly to the Colonial Secretary.*

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VICTORIA, 21st March, 1872.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, calling upon me for a Report on the Omineca District, together with any suggestions as to the best means of facilitating communications with the same, and the amount required for Trails leading to that country for the ensuing season.

In reply, I would beg leave to refer to my letter of the 23rd October (already in your hands) for a general report on the subject, including the population, the yield and extent of the mines, &c., during the past year, and the prospects for the coming season.

Detailed Returns of the Revenue collected can best be obtained from the Treasury and Audit Departments; the aggregate amount was \$14,707 32.

The population at no time exceeded fifteen hundred, of whom about nine hundred were actually employed in mining; and, judging from the number of claims that were worked to advantage at the close of last year, I am of opinion that 800 to 1,000 men will return there this season.

With regard to the request that I would offer a suggestion as to the means of facilitating communication, and the amount necessary for trails, I would venture to say that I do not, as an unprofessional, feel competent to give any decided opinion as to the particular lines of communication, and the amount required to carry them out; nor can I think that my opinion on these subjects would be of much practical value; but I am convinced that it is highly important that both the route from the Coast, *via* the Skeena River, and the Trail from Quesnel to Omineca, should be completed as early as possible, and that a sufficient sum for the purpose should be placed at the disposal of the Agent of the Government selected to carry out these works. I have, &c.

(Signed) P. O'REILLY.

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*Mr. O'Reilly to the Colonial Secretary.*

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GERMANSEN CREEK, OMINECA,  
23rd October, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to report, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, that the Mines on Germansen Creek have failed to realize the expectations formed of them in the early part of the season, and at present there are but few companies taking out pay; several are, however, preparing to test the hills on the upper portion of the creek during the coming winter, and should they be successful, it is in contemplation to construct large ditches, which will greatly facilitate the working of the benches and hills on either side of the creek.

I am, however, enabled to report more favorably of Manson River and its tributaries, which have, notwithstanding the difficulties attendant on the opening of the mines, in many instances paid the miners handsomely.

Several ditches are now being constructed with a view of conveying water to the benches and hills of Manson River and Slate Creek, where a very considerable amount

of gold has already been obtained; and I have no hesitation in saying that the diggings in this portion of the District are sufficiently established to justify the belief that they will afford profitable employment to a large number of men for years to come.

On Manson River, the greater portion of the season has been spent in working the surface diggings in the bed of the stream, which have barely paid expenses, but it is now apparent that a deep channel exists, as was the case in Williams Creek, and the most experienced miners in the District are of opinion that this channel contains the lead for which they have been searching; and from the prospects obtained by the only two Companies who have succeeded in sinking to the bed-rock, it would appear that their opinions are well founded.

I have laid over the claims in the District, from the 15th instant to the 1st June, 1872. A copy of the Notice I forward herewith, and I will thank you to have it inserted in the Government Gazette.

It is difficult to ascertain, with any degree of accuracy, the amount of gold taken from the Omineca Mines during the present season, but the Returns that have been furnished to me by the foremen of the principal Companies, show a yield of over three hundred thousand dollars, and to this may be fairly added not less than one hundred thousand more, taken away in the hands of miners, of which there is no return, making in all four hundred thousand dollars.

At the request of a number of miners, I have reserved a plot of land on the north bank of Manson River, at the mouth of Slate Creek, for a Town Site, and I have had it marked off into thirty lots, since which several traders have built substantial houses, and commenced business there. I have, &c.

(Signed) P. O'REILLY.

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*Return of the amount of Revenue collected in Omineca District during 1871,  
under its proper headings.*

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Licenses .....	\$ 2,645 00
Free Miner's Certificates .....	4,672 50
Mining Receipts General .....	6,093 25
Land Revenue .....	611 50
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees .....	483 07
Rents (Exclusive of Land) .....	200 00
Fees of Office .....	2 00
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	\$14,707 32

Treasury, 18th March, 1872.

(Signed) JOHN GRAHAM.

NOTE.—The Collections for the months of November and December, Returns for which have not yet been received at the Treasury, are not included in the above Statement.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES.

**ABSTRACT of the FURTHER SUMS REQUIRED to defray the Expenses of the Provincial Government of British Columbia, for the year, from 1st January to 31st December, 1871.**

SERVICE.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.	\$	cts.
<b>REVENUE SERVICES, exclusive of Establishments.</b>						
Travelling expenses of Officers on duty .....					620	00
<b>ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, exclusive of Establishments.</b>						
Prosecution and Interpreters' Fees .....	1,000	00				
Expenses of Judges and Registrar on Circuit.....	135	00				
Criminal punishments .....	174	75			1,309	75
<b>POLICE AND GAOLS, exclusive of Establishments.</b>						
Keep of Prisoners and other Police expenditure throughout the Province.....					12,200	00
<b>RENT.</b>						
Gaol, Nanaimo .....	66	66				
Office, Omineca .....	240	00			306	66
<b>TRANSPORT.</b>						
Freight upon remittance of treasure.....	140	00				
Actual travelling expenses of Officers on duty .....	4,650	00				
Travelling expenses, Members Legislative Council .....	969	00			5,759	00
<b>ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.</b>						
Clinton and Cameronton Road .....	1,600	00				
Fort George and Cottonwood Road .....	1,000	00				
Giscome Portage Route .....	9,600	00				
Skeena River Route .....	3,410	00				
Victoria District Roads .....	120	00				
Esquimalt do. ....	320	00				
Cowichan do. ....	950	00				
Nanaimo do. ....	150	00				
Sooke do. ....	38	00				
Comox do. ....	30	00				
Salt Spring Island Roads .....	130	00				
Other Road repairs not detailed .....	260	00			17,608	00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.</b>						
Government House Grounds, Victoria and New Westminster.....	400	00				
Exchange on Drafts for remittances .....	116	00				
Stationery and Fuel for all Departments.....	4,850	00				
Expenses connected with the Assay of Minerals.....	920	00				
Taking charge of Government Buildings, Douglas and Langley...	10	00				
Crown Agents' Commission .....	40	00				
Victoria Volunteer Debt .....	55	00				
Repairing Surveying Instruments .....	40	00				
Expenses of Elections .....	5,125	00				
Delegate's Expenses to Canada .....	2,000	00				
Real Estate Tax Commission Expenses .....	1,310	00				
Compilation of the Laws of the Colony .....	2,215	00				
Compensation for loss of land to Messrs. Brown & Gillis .....	2,000	00			19,081	00
<b>INTEREST.</b>						
On Temporary Loans .....					450	00
<b>DEPOSITS.</b>						
Intestate and other Estates repaid.....					2,088	66
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$</b>				<b>59,423</b>	<b>07</b>



# RULES, ORDERS,

AND

## FORMS OF PROCEEDING

OF THE

# Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

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### I.—REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE HOUSE.

1. The time for the ordinary meeting of the House is at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of each sitting day, and if at that hour there be not a quorum, Mr. Speaker may take the Chair and adjourn. When the House rises on Friday, it shall stand adjourned, unless otherwise ordered, until the following Monday.

2. If at the hour of Six o'clock, p.m., the Business of the Day be not concluded, Mr. Speaker shall leave the Chair until half-past Seven, or until such other hour as may be agreed upon.

3. When the House adjourns the Members shall keep their Seats until the Speaker has left the Chair.

4. The presence of at least Nine Members of the House, including the Speaker or Chairman, elected as hereinafter provided, shall be necessary to constitute a Meeting of the said House for the exercise of its powers.

5. Whenever the Speaker shall adjourn the House for want of a Quorum, the time of the adjournment, and the names of the Members then present, shall be inserted in the Journal.

6. If the Speaker, from illness or other cause, does not attend a Meeting of the Assembly, a Member elected by the Assembly may preside at such Meeting until the close of such Meeting, or until the Speaker himself arrives and takes the Chair; and whenever the Speaker, from illness or other cause, finds it necessary to leave the Chair during a Meeting of the Assembly, on any day, he may call upon any Member thereof to take the Chair and act as Speaker during the remainder of such day, unless the Speaker himself resume the Chair before the close of the sittings for that day, and the Member so elected or so called upon shall take the Chair and act as Speaker accordingly; and every Act passed, and every Order made, and thing done by the said Assembly, while such Member is acting as Speaker as aforesaid, shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, as if done while the Speaker himself was presiding in the Chair.

7. In case of the absence, for any reason, of the Speaker from the Chair of the Assembly for a period of forty-eight consecutive hours, the Assembly may elect another of its Members to act as Speaker, and the Member so elected shall during the continuance of such absence of the Speaker, have and execute all the powers, privileges, and duties of the Speaker.

8. Any Stranger admitted into any part of the House or Gallery, who shall misconduct himself, or shall not withdraw when Strangers are directed to withdraw, while the House, or any Committee of the whole House, is sitting, shall be taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms; and no person so taken into custody is to be discharged without the special order of the House.

9. Any Member may require the House to be cleared of Strangers, and the Speaker shall immediately give directions to the Sergeant-at-Arms to execute the order, without debate.

10. The Speaker shall preserve Order and Decorum, and shall decide Questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the House; in explaining a point of Order or practice, he shall state the Rule or authority applicable to the case.

11. The Speaker shall not take part in any Debate before the House. In case of an equality of Votes, Mr. Speaker gives a casting vote, and any reasons stated by him are entered in the Journal.

## II.—RULES OF DEBATE.

12. Every Member desiring to speak is to rise in his place, uncovered, and address himself to Mr. Speaker.

13. When two or more Members rise to speak, Mr. Speaker calls upon the Member who first rose in his place; but a motion may be made that any Member who has risen "be now heard," or "do now speak."

14. A Member called to Order by the Speaker shall sit down, but may afterwards explain. The House, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be final.

15. No Member shall speak disrespectfully of Her Majesty, nor of any of the Royal Family, nor of the Governor or person administering the Government of Canada, nor of the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province; nor shall he use offensive words against any Member of this House; nor shall he speak beside the Question in Debate. No Member may reflect upon any Vote of the House, except for the purpose of moving that such Vote be rescinded.

16. Any Member may require the Question under discussion to be read at any time of the Debate, but not so as to interrupt a Member while speaking.

17. No Member may speak twice to a Question, except in explanation of a material part of his speech, in which he may have been misconceived, but then he is not to introduce new matter. A reply is allowed to a Member who has made a substantive motion to the House, but not to any Member who has moved an Order of the Day, an Amendment, the Previous Question, or an Instruction to a Committee.

## III.—CONDUCT OF MEMBERS.

18. No Member is entitled to Vote upon any question in which he has a direct pecuniary interest, and the Vote of any Member so interested shall be disallowed.

19. When the Speaker is putting a question, no Member shall walk out of or across the House, or make any noise or disturbance; and when a Member is speaking, no Member shall interrupt him, except to Order, nor pass between him and the Chair; and no Member may pass between the Chair and the Table, nor between the Chair and the Mace, when the Mace has been taken off the Table by the Sergeant.

## IV.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

### *Routine Business.*

20. The ordinary Daily Routine of Business in the House shall be as follows:—

Presenting Petitions.  
Reading and Receiving Petitions.  
Presenting Reports by Standing and Select Committees.  
Motions.

The Order of Business for the consideration of the House, day by day, after the above Daily Routine, shall be as follows:—

### MONDAY.

Private Bills.  
Questions put by Members.  
Notices of Motions.  
Public Bills and Orders

### TUESDAY.

Government Notices of Motions:  
Government Orders.  
Public Bills and Orders.  
Questions put by Members.  
Other Notices of Motions.

**WEDNESDAY.**

(Until the hour of six o'clock, p.m.)

Questions put by Members.  
 Notices of Motions.  
 Public Bills and Orders.

(From half-past seven o'clock, p.m.)

For the first hour, Private Bills.  
 Public Bills and Orders.

**THURSDAY.**

(Until the hour of six o'clock, p.m.)

Questions put by Members.  
 Notices of Motions.  
 Public Bills and Orders.

(From half-past seven o'clock, p.m.)

For the first hour, Private Bills.  
 Public Bills and Orders.

**FRIDAY.**

Government Notices of Motions.  
 Government Orders.  
 Public Bills and Orders.  
 Questions put by Members  
 Other Notices of Motions.

(For first hour after half-past seven o'clock, p.m.)

Private Bills.

21. Orders of the Day for the Third Reading of Bills shall take precedence of all other Orders for the same day, except Orders to which the House has previously given priority.

22. Bills reported from Committees of the Whole House, with amendment, shall be placed on the Orders of the Day for consideration by the House next after Third Readings.

23. Bills reported after Second Reading from any Standing or Select Committee shall be placed on the Order of the Day following the reception of the Report for reference to a Committee of the Whole House, in their proper order, next after Bills reported from Committees of the Whole House.

24. All items standing on the Orders of the Day shall be taken up according to the precedence assigned to each on the Order Book; the right being reserved to the Administration of placing Government Orders at the Head of the List.

25. Items not taken up when called shall be dropped. Dropped Orders shall be set down, in the Order Book after the Orders of the Day for the next day on which the House shall sit.

26. All Orders undisposed of at the adjournment of the House shall be postponed until next sitting day, without a Motion to that effect.

27. A Motion for Reading the Orders of the Day shall have preference to any Motion before the House.

**QUESTIONS PUT BY MEMBERS.**

28. Questions may be put to Ministers of the Crown relating to Public affairs; and to other Members, relating to any Bill, Motion, or other Public Matter connected with the Business of the House, in which such Members may be concerned; but in putting any such Question, no argument or opinion is to be offered, nor any facts stated. And in answering any such Question, a member is not to debate the Matter to which the same refers.

**MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS.**

29. A Motion to adjourn shall always be in order, but no second Motion to the same effect shall be made until after some intermediate proceeding shall have been had.

30. Two days' Notice shall be given of a Motion for leave to present a Bill, Resolution or address, for the appointment of any Committee, or for the putting of a Question, but this Rule shall not apply to Bills after their introduction, or to Private Bills, or to the times of Meeting or Adjournment of the House. Such Notice to be laid on the Table before Five o'clock p.m.

31. A Motion may be made by unanimous consent of the House, without previous notice.

32. All Motions, except a Motion to Adjourn and the Previous Question, shall be written in ink, and seconded, and signed by mover and seconder, before being debated or put from the Chair. When a Motion is seconded, it shall be read by the Speaker before debate.

33. A Member who has made a Motion may withdraw the same by leave of the House.

34. The Previous Question until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the Main Question and all debate, and shall be in the following words, "That this question be not now put." If the Previous Question be resolved in the affirmative, the Original Question is to be put forthwith, without any amendment or debate.

35. A Motion to commit a Bill or Question until decided, shall preclude all amendment of the Main Question.

36. Whenever the Speaker is of opinion that a Motion offered to the House is contrary to the Rules and Privileges of Parliament, he shall apprise the House thereof immediately, before putting the Question thereon, and quote the Rule or authority applicable to the case.

#### · PRIVILEGE.

37. Whenever any Matter of Privilege arises it shall be taken into consideration immediately.

#### PROCEEDINGS ON BILLS

38. Every Bill shall be introduced upon Motion for leave, specifying the Title of the Bill, or upon Motion to appoint a Committee to prepare and bring it in.

39. No Bill may be introduced either in blank or in an imperfect shape.

40. No Bill relating to Trade, or the alteration of the laws concerning Trade, is to be brought into the House, until the proposition shall have been first considered in a Committee of the Whole House, and agreed unto by the House.

41. When any Bill shall be presented by a Member, in pursuance of an Order of the House, the Question, "That this Bill be now read a first time" shall be decided without amendment or debate.

42. Every Bill shall receive three several readings, on different days, previously to being passed. On urgent or extraordinary occasions a Bill may be read twice or thrice, or advanced two or more stages in one day.

43. When a Bill is read in the House the Clerk shall certify upon it the Readings and the time thereof. After it has passed, he shall certify the same, with the date, at the foot of the Bill.

44. Every Public Bill shall be read twice in the House before committal or amendment.

45. In proceedings in Committee of the Whole House upon Bills, the Preamble shall be first postponed, and then every Clause considered by the Committee in its proper order; the Preamble and Title to be last considered.

46. All Amendments made in Committee shall be reported by the Chairman to the House, which shall receive the same forthwith. After Report, the Bill shall be open to debate and amendment, before it is ordered for a Third Reading. But when a Bill is Reported without amendment, it is forthwith ordered to be read a Third Time, at such time as may be ordered by the House. Whenever any Bill shall be presented to the Governor for his assent thereto, he may return the same by Message for the re-consideration of the Assembly, with such amendments as he may think fitting.

47. It shall be the duty of the Law Clerk to revise all Public Bills after their First Reading, and to certify thereon that the same are correct; and in every subsequent stage of such Bills the Law Clerk shall be responsible for the correctness of said Bills, should they be amended. And he shall prepare a Breviat of every Public Bill, previous to the Second Reading thereof.

#### PRIVATE BILLS.

48. No Petition for any Private Bill is received by the House after the first three weeks of each Session; nor may any Private Bill be presented to the House after the first four weeks of each Session; nor may any Report of any Standing or Select Committee upon a Private Bill be received after the first six weeks of each Session. And no Motion for the general suspension or modification of this Rule shall be entertained by the House, unless after reference made thereof at a previous sitting of the House, to the Standing Committees charged with consideration of Private Bills, or upon Report submitted by one of such Committees.



49. The Clerk of the House shall, during each Recess of Parliament, publish weekly in the Government Gazette the following Rules respecting Notices of intended applications for Private Bills, and in other Newspapers the substance thereof; and shall also, immediately after the issue of the Proclamation convening Parliament for the dispatch of business, publish in the British Columbia Gazette, and in other Newspapers, as aforesaid, until the opening of Parliament, the day on which the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire, pursuant to the foregoing Rule; and the Clerk shall also announce, by Notice affixed in the Committee Rooms and Lobbies of this House, by the first day of every Session, the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, and Private Bills, and Reports thereon.

50. All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of Legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia within the purview of "The British North America Act, 1867," whether for the erection of a Bridge, the making of a Railroad, Turnpike Road, or Telegraph Line; the construction or improvement of a Harbour, Canal, Lock, Dam, or Slide, or other like work; the granting of a Right of Ferry; the incorporation of any particular Trade or Calling, or of any Joint Stock Company; or otherwise for granting to any individual or individuals any exclusive or peculiar rights or privileges whatever, or for doing any matter or thing which in its operation would affect the rights or property of other parties, or relate to any particular class of the community; or for making any Amendment of a like nature to any former Act,—shall require a Notice, clearly and distinctly specifying the nature and object of the application, to be published as follows, viz.:—

A Notice inserted in the British Columbia Gazette, and in one newspaper published in the District affected, or if there be no newspaper published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest District in which a newspaper is published.

Such Notice shall be continued in each case for a period of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the next preceding Session and the consideration of the Petition.

51. Before any Petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll-bridge, is presented to the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such Bill, shall, upon giving the Notice prescribed by the preceding Rule, also, at the same time, and in the same manner, give Notice of the Rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

52. Petitions for Private Bills, when received by the House, are to be taken into consideration (without special reference) by the Committee on Standing Orders; which is to report in each case, whether the Rules with regard to Notice have been complied with; and in every case where the Notice shall prove to have been insufficient, either as regards the Petition as a whole, or any matter therein which ought to have been specially referred to in the Notice, the Committee is to recommend to the House the course to be taken in consequence of such insufficiency of Notice.

53. No Motion for the suspension of the Rules upon any Petition for a Private Bill is to be entertained, unless the same has been reported upon by the Committee on Standing Orders.

54. All Private Bills are introduced on Petition, and presented to the House upon a motion for leave, and after such Petition has been favourably reported on by the Committee on Standing Orders.

55. When any Bill for confirming any Letters Patent or Agreement is presented to the House, a true copy of such Letters Patent or Agreement must be attached to it.

56. The expenses and costs attending on Private Bills giving any exclusive privilege, or for any object of profit, or private, corporate, or individual advantage; or for amending, extending, or enlarging any former Acts, in such manner as to confer additional powers, ought not to fall on the public; accordingly the parties seeking to obtain any such Bill, shall be required to pay the Clerk of the House the sum of sixty dollars, immediately after the First Reading thereof; and all such Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed, and sixty copies thereof shall be deposited with the Clerk of the House, and distribution thereof made after the First Reading; and no such Bill shall be reported until a certificate from the Clerk shall have been filed that such fee has been paid to him, and all fees paid under this section shall be applied to the use of the Government.

57. Every Private Bill, when read a first time shall, on motion, be referred to the Committee on Private Bills, if any such shall have been appointed, or to some other

Standing Committee of the same character; and all Petitions before the House for or against the Bill are considered as referred to such Committee.

58. No Committee on any Private Bill, of which Notice is required to be given, is to consider the same until after eight clear days' Notice of the Sitting of such Committee has been first affixed in the Lobby; such Bill having been first printed and distributed to Members. And no motion for any general suspension or modification of this Rule, shall be entertained by the House, unless after reference made thereof at a previous sitting of the House, to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, or upon Report submitted by such Committee.

2. On the day of the posting of any Bill under this Rule, the Clerk of the House shall append to the Printed Votes and Proceedings of the day, a Notice of such posting; and also, a Notice of Meetings of any of the Standing Committees charged with the consideration of Private Bills, or Petitions therefor, that may have been appointed for the following day.

59. A copy of the Bill containing the Amendments proposed to be submitted to the Standing Committee, shall be deposited in the House, one clear day before the meeting of the Committee thereupon.

60. All persons whose interest or property may be affected by any Private Bill, shall when required so to do, appear before the Standing Committee touching their consent, or may send such consent in writing, proof of which may be demanded by such Committee. And in every case, the Committee upon any Bill for incorporating a Company, may require proof that the persons whose names appear in the Bill as composing the Company, are of full age, and in a position to effect the objects contemplated, and have consented to become incorporated.

61. All questions before Committees on Private Bills are decided by a majority of voices, including the voice of the Chairman; and whenever the voices are equal, the Chairman has a second or casting vote.

62. It is the duty of the Select Committee to which any Private Bill may be referred by the House, to call the attention of the House specially to any provision inserted in such Bill that does not appear to have been contemplated in the Notice for the same, as reported upon by the Committee on Standing Orders.

63. The Committee to which a Private Bill may have been referred, shall report the same to the House, in every case; and when any material alteration has been made in the Preamble of the Bill, such alteration, and the reasons for the same, are to be stated in the Report.

64. When the Committee on any Private Bill report to the House that the Preamble of such Bill has not been proved to their satisfaction, they must also state the grounds upon which they have arrived at such a decision; and no Bill so reported upon shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day unless by the special order of the House.

2. Private Bills otherwise reported to the House by such Committee, shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day following the reception of the Report, for a second reading, in their proper order, next after Bills referred to a Committee of the Whole House.

65. The Chairman of the Committee shall sign with his name at length, a printed copy of the Bill, on which the Amendments are fairly written, and shall also sign with the initials of his name, the several Amendments made and Clauses added in Committee.

66. No important Amendment may be proposed to any Private Bill, in a Committee of the Whole House, or at the Third Reading of the Bill, unless two days' notice of the same shall have been given.

67. Except in cases of urgent and pressing necessity, no Motion may be made to dispense with any Standing Order relative to Private Bills, without due notice thereof.

68. A Book, to be called the "Private Bill Register," shall be kept by the Clerk, in which shall be entered by the Clerk, the name, description, and place of residence of the parties applying for the Bill, or of their agent, and all the proceedings thereon, from the Petition to the passing of the Bill; such entry to specify briefly each proceeding in the House, or in any Committee to which the Bill or Petition may be referred, and the day on which the Committee is appointed to sit. Such book to be open to public inspection daily, during office hours.

69. The Clerk shall prepare, daily, lists of all Private Bills, and Petitions for such Bills, upon which any Committee is appointed to sit, specifying the time of the meeting and the room where the Committee shall sit; and the same shall be hung up in the Lobby.

70. Every Parliamentary Agent conducting proceedings before the House, shall be

personably responsible to the House and to the Speaker, for the observance of the Rules Orders, and practice of Parliament, and Rules prescribed by the Speaker, and also for the payment of all fees and charges; and he shall not act as Parliamentary Agent until he shall have received the express sanction and authority of the Speaker, who may revoke the same at pleasure.

71. Any Agent who shall wilfully act in violation of the Rules and practice of Parliament, or any Rules to be prescribed by the Speaker, or who shall wilfully misconduct himself in prosecuting any proceedings before the House, shall be liable to an absolute or temporary prohibition to practise as a Parliamentary Agent, at the pleasure of the Speaker.

*[The notice called for by Section 50 shall, during the present Session, be deemed to have been sufficient, provided it be published, as demanded, two weeks prior to the presentation of the Petition for any Private Bill.]*

#### COMMITTEES.

72. The Clerk of the House shall cause to be affixed, in some conspicuous part of the House, a list of the several Standing and Select Committees appointed during the Session.

73. In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker, before leaving the Chair, shall appoint a Chairman to preside, who shall maintain Order in the Committee; and the Rules of the House shall be observed in Committee of the Whole House, so far as may be applicable, except the Rule limiting the number of times of speaking.

74. Questions of Order arising in Committee of the Whole House shall be decided by the Chairman, subject to an Appeal to the House; but disorder in a Committee can only be censured by the House, on receiving a report thereof.

75. A motion that the Chairman leave the Chair shall always be in Order, and shall take precedence of any other motion.

76. No Select Committee may, without leave of the House, consist of more than Six Members, and the Mover may submit the names to form the Committee, unless objected to by Five Members; if objected to, the House may name the Committee in the following manner:—each Member to name one, and those who have most voices, with the mover, shall form the same; but it shall be always understood that no Member who declares or decides against the principle or substance of a Bill, Resolution, or matter to be committed, can be nominated of such Committee.

77. Of the number of Members appointed to compose a Committee, a majority of the same shall be a Quorum, unless the House has otherwise ordered.

78. Reports from Standing and Select Committees may be made by Members standing in their places, and without proceeding to the Bar of the House.

#### WITNESSES.

79. The Clerk of the House is authorized to pay out of the Contingent Fund to Witnesses summoned to attend before any Select Committee of the House, except in the case of Private Bills, a reasonable sum per diem, to be determined by the Speaker, (the daily rate if allowed to be the same in all cases) during their attendance, and a reasonable allowance for travelling expenses, upon any certificate or order of the Chairman of the Committee before which such witnesses have been summoned; but no witness shall be so paid, unless a certificate shall have first been filed with the Chairman of such Committee, by some Member thereof, stating that the evidence to be obtained from such witness is, in his opinion, material and important; and no such payment shall be made in any case, without the authority of the Speaker, which shall be signified by the endorsement of the Speaker upon the aforesaid certificate; and when any witness shall have been in attendance during three days, if his presence is further required, recourse shall again be had to the Chairman of the Committee, and so on, every three days.

#### DIVISIONS.

80. When Members have been called in, preparatory to a Division, no further Debate is to be permitted.

81. Upon a Division, the Yeas and Nays shall not be entered upon the Minutes, unless demanded by Three Members, and on questions of the adjournment of the House or of the debate the numbers only shall be entered.

#### PETITIONS.

82. Petitions to the House shall be presented by a Member, in his place, who shall be answerable that they do not contain impertinent or improper matter, and shall certify the same by endorsement.

83. Every Member offering to present a Petition to the House, shall endorse his name there-

upon, and confine himself to a statement of the parties from whom it comes, the number of signatures attached to it, and the material allegations it contains. Petitions may be either written or printed; provided always that the signatures of at least three Petitioners are subscribed on the sheet containing the prayer of the Petition, except in the case of a single Petitioner or Corporation.

84. Every Petition not containing matter in breach of the Privileges of this House, and which according to the Rules or practice of this House can be received, is brought to the Table by direction of the Speaker, who cannot allow any debate, or any Member to speak upon, or in relation to, such Petition; but it may be read by the Clerk at the Table, if required; or if it complain of some present personal grievance, requiring an immediate remedy, the matter contained therein may be brought into immediate discussion.

#### AID AND SUPPLY.

[By the 54th Section of the Imperial Act, 30 Vic., c. 3, "The British North America Act, 1867," it is provided that the House shall not adopt or pass any Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill for the Appropriation of any part of the Public Revenue, or of any Tax or Impost, to any purpose that has not been first recommended by a Message of the Lieutenant-Governor in the Session in which such Vote, Resolution, Address, or Bill is proposed.]

85. If any Motion be made in the House for any public Aid or Charge upon the people, the consideration and debate thereof may not be presently entered upon, but shall be adjourned till such further day as the House shall think fit to appoint; and then it shall be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, before any Resolution or Vote of the House do pass thereupon.

#### VI.—OFFICERS AND SERVANTS OF THE HOUSE.

86. It shall be the duty of all Permanent Officers of this House to complete and finish the work remaining at the close of the Session.

87. The Clerk of the House shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all the Papers and Records of the House, and shall have the direction and control over all the Officers and Clerks employed in the offices, subject to such orders as he may from time to time receive from Mr. Speaker, or the House.

88. The Clerk of the House shall place on the Speaker's table, every morning, previous to the Meeting of the House, the Order of the Proceedings for the day.

89. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and cause to be printed, and delivered to each Member, at the commencement of every Session of Parliament, a List of the Reports or other periodical Statements which it is the duty of any Officer or Department of the Government, or any Corporate Body, to make to the House, referring to the Act or Resolution, and page of the volume of the Laws or Journals wherein the same may be ordered; and placing under the name of each Officer or Corporation a List of Reports or Returns required of him or it to be made, and the time when the Report or periodical Statement may be expected.

90. The Sergeant-at-Arms attending this House shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Mace, Furniture, and fittings thereof, and for the conduct of the Messengers and inferior Servants of the House.

91. No Stranger who shall have been committed by Order of the House, to the custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, shall be released from such custody until he has paid a Fee of Five Dollars to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

92. No allowance shall in future be made to any person in the employ of this House who may not reside at the Seat of Government, for travelling expenses in coming to attend his duties.

#### UNPROVIDED CASES.

93. In all unprovided Cases, the Rules, Usages, and Forms of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, shall be followed.

#### SESSIONAL ORDERS.

*Resolved*, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavoured so to be, by bribery, or other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

*Resolved*, That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of this House, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever depending or to be transacted in Parliament, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

# ESTIMATES

Of Additional Expenditure of the Province of British Columbia, for the Year ending 31st December, 1872.

SERVICE.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
No. 10.—LEGISLATION.		
Extra Allowance as mileage to Members from remote Districts .....	750 00	
Law Clerk .....	300 00	1,050 00
No. 14.—POLICE AND GAOLS.		
Constable, Burrard Inlet.....		120 00
No. 34.—ROADS, STREETS, AND BRIDGES.		
Construction of Trail through Eagle Pass .....	5,000 00	
Nanaimo District Roads .....	1,250 00	
New Westminster District Roads .....	1,000 00	7,250 00
TOTAL.....		8,420 00



# REVENUE.

ABSTRACT of the probable REVENUE of the Provincial Government of British Columbia, for the Year 1872, showing also the Revenue received under the similar heads in the Years 1870 and 1871.

	Estimate of 1872.	Revenue for 1870.	Approximate Revenue of 1871.
	\$ cts.	\$ cts.	\$ cts.
Dominion Subsidy .....	211,000 00		107,000 00
Roads' Tolls .....		39,302 18	48,865 00
Land Sales .....	6,000 00	8,087 03	22,665 00
Land Revenue .....	7,000 00	4,792 15	7,227 00
Rents, exclusive of Land .....	1,250 00	942 50	1,442 00
Free Miners' Certificates .....	10,000 00	8,940 00	11,612 00
Mining Receipts General .....	12,000 00	14,955 00	19,148 00
Licences .....	43,000 00	42,295 83	41,730 00
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court .....	6,000 00	7,067 51	11,454 00
Fees of Office .....	5,250 00	4,247 28	5,123 00
Sale of Government Property .....	200 00	1,744 81	2,550 00
Reimbursements in aid of Expenses incurred by Government .....	7,837 00	16,108 01	941 00
Miscellaneous Receipts .....	200 00	256 28	887 00
Arrears, Real Estate Tax .....	6,000 00	820 00	6,233 00
Arrears, Road Tax .....	2,000 00	—	—
Road Tax, 1872 .....	6,500 00	6,563 87	5,946 00
Interest on Canadian Stock, at 5 per cent, 9 months .....	4,500 00	—	—
	328,737 00	156,122 45	292,823 00

## REVENUE DETAILED.

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Pre-emption Fees, &c. ....		
Rents, exclusive of Land :—		
Ferry Tolls .....	1,250 00	942 50
Free Miners' Certificates .....	10,000 00	8,940 00
Mining Receipts General .....	12,000 00	14,955 00
Licences :—		
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Trading .....	\$15,500	
	43,000 00	42,295 83
Fines, Forfeitures, and Fees of Court :—		
Supreme Court .....	6,000 00	7,067 51
Bankruptcy Court .....		
Police and County Courts .....		
Fees of Office :—		
Land Registry Fees .....	\$2,750	
Assay Fees .....	\$2,500	
Registration of Joint Stock Companies .....		
	5,250 00	4,247 28
Carried forward .....	301,500 00	130,629 48

# DETAILED REVENUE.—Continued.

	Estimate of 1872.	Revenue of 1870.
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	301,500 00	130,629 48
<b>Sale of Government Property :—</b>		
Unserviceable Stores .....	200 00	1,744 81
Building Materials .....		
Provisions .....		
<b>Reimbursements in aid of Expenses incurred by Government .—</b>		
Keep of Naval Prisoners.....	\$1,000	
„ Prisoners, arrears due by Dominion.....	\$1,837	
„ „ For 1872 .....	\$5,000	
	7,837 00	16,100 01
<b>Miscellaneous Receipts :—</b>		
Convict Labour .....	200 00	256 28
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Real Estate Tax due \$12,370 ; collect, say .....	\$6,000	
Road Tax .....	\$2,000	
	8,000 00	820 00
Road Tax for 1872 .....	6,500 00	6,563 87
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